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## NOTED GLOBE TROTTERS ON CRUISE SHIP

### LADY HAS TRAVELED NEARLY MILLION MILES

The Hamburg Amerika Line liner Reliance which arrived here this morning on a world cruise with 325 passengers aboard, is making her second visit to Hongkong and on this occasion will spend two days in the Colony. To-day some of her passengers will visit the Peak and make a trip round the Island. A large party left early this morning for Canton. This afternoon and to-morrow the visitors are free to explore the shops and streets of Hongkong.

Aboard are many interesting personalities, not the least of whom is Baron Manfred von Richthofen, nephew of the famous wartime air "ace."

Another person making the world cruise is Brigadier General Thomas Herbert Jackson, one-time President of the Mississippi River Commission. General Jackson when asked to comment on the recent disastrous floods which swept the Mississippi Valley, said that the length of the river which had been prepared for floods was not unduly upset by the excess of water and nowhere between Rock Island and the mouth of the river, the distance over which the dykes had been prepared, did the flood get out of hand. The main damage was done in the Ohio Valley because there the river banks had not been prepared.

Disaster was the result, said the General, partly of the encroachment by towns and settlements on the flood channels, and partly of the magnitude of the flood, the greatest since 1913. Now that so much damage has been done there will be steps taken to prevent a recurrence of the disaster, said General Jackson, but it must always be borne in mind that the protection of the river banks is enormously expensive and unless the damage done to property by the floods is sufficient to warrant the expenditure, the banks cannot be protected. The loss over the whole of the Ohio Valley during the past flood was not more than a dollar an acre, he said, while to protect the banks would cost 20 or 30 million dollars. The protection of the Mississippi was one of the greatest of modern engineering undertakings and had already cost, over a period of ten years, between five and six hundred million dollars. The project is now almost 90 per cent. complete.

#### TRAVELED 850,000 MILES

Another interesting passenger aboard the vessel is Mrs. Ellis G. Munson, of Laybrook, Long Island, N.Y., who is making her fifth visit to China and is on her fourth round the world trip. Mrs. Munson is the oldest lady aboard but her looks belie it, and in spirit she must be one of the youngest. I have travelled by sea during my life no less than 850,000 miles, she said, and before long I hope to be able to complete the million miles. I travel because I like it and believe that spiritually, mentally and physically it is good for me. I am one of a family of 11 children and the only one who has desired to travel from where we were born in Connecticut, but I have become thoroughly obsessed by wanderlust."

Mrs. Munson has visited most countries of the world during her travels, but though there are places in Europe where she would like to settle when her travelling days are done she said that she refuses to live in a country which has a debt of honour to America, her homeland, and has not paid it or refuses to pay it.

#### MATTER OF PRINCIPLE

"It is fair enough to let them off the debts they contracted for war materials, food and clothing—the necessary things to help them win the conflict—but it is only right that the European countries should pay back what they borrowed after the war and used on developmental works and buildings. Until they do this they will get no more dollars from me."

This voyage will add to Mrs. Munson's total about 31,500 miles and she will have visited, by the time the ship reaches New York, no less than 37 ports and 20 countries, including Somaliland and Turkey which are two countries not touched by other cruise ships visiting Hongkong.

#### CAPTAIN MISSED SHIP

Commander of the Reliance is Captain Hans Klett, who last year visited Hongkong as Associate Commander. Like Commander Kruse who commanded the Reliance last year, Captain Klett missed his ship when the cruise started and had to hurry to the steamer and embark there.

**CRUISE LINER ARRIVES**  
**MAKING BRIEF STOP IN HONGKONG**

**DISTINGUISHED PASSENGERS**

**LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER THE GIANT CRUISE LINER, EMRESS OF BRITAIN, HAD VISITED THE COLONY, THE HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER RELIANCE, WHICH IS ALSO ON A WORLD CRUISE, ARRIVED HERE THIS MORNING SOON AFTER 7 O'CLOCK.**

**THE RELIANCE HAS ON BOARD A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED PASSENGERS, MOST OF WHOM ARE GERMANS, WHO ARE UNDER A STRICT MONASTIC DISCIPLINE, HAVING A MONTHLY SPENDING ALLOWANCE OF APPROXIMATELY H.K.\$10, UNDER A HITLER DECREE.**

**THE RELIANCE SELLS FOR SHANGHAI AT 6 PM. TOMORROW.**

**AMONG THOSE ON BOARD THE SHIP ARE JUDGE FERNARD JEIKE, JR., OF BAYVILLE, L.I., A NOTED JURIST; AND BARON FRIEDRICH VON DIERGARDT, OF MUNSTER.**

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**FAIL TO FORM MINISTRY**

**BOMBAY MOSLEMS LACK MAJORITY**

**BOMBAY, MAR. 28.—The Moslem League members of the Legislative Assembly have informed the Governor that they are unable to command a working majority.**

**THE LEADERS OF THE CONGRESS PARTY, THE CENTRAL PROVINCES HAVE ALSO DECLINED TO FORM A MINISTRY BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR WILL NOT GIVE THEM HIS ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL NOT USE HIS SPECIAL POWERS TO THWART THEIR INDUSTRIES.—REUTER.**

### REBELS' BOMBERS ACTIVE NIGHT RAIDS ON LOYAL LINES FRICTION IN BARCELONA

Seville, Mar. 28.  
An intense bombing by rebel aircraft of Government positions on the Guadalajara front and in Madrid was carried out in bright moonlight to-night, according to a communiqué issued by General Francisco Franco's headquarters.

Gijon and Santander were also heavily bombed by aeroplanes.

Three hundred Government soldiers were taken prisoner on the heights above Brihuega, according to a message from Siguenza.—Reuter.

#### CABINET CRISIS

Barcelona, Mar. 28.  
President Companys is energetically working to solve the Catalan Cabinet crisis which has developed during the Easter period, apparently due to differences of opinion among political groups within the Government.

Four members of the Cabinet, who are also anarchists, have resigned, but it is expected the new Cabinet will be similar to the last, and that unity of action will be emphasized in the face of the common danger.

The programme includes the creation of regular Popular Front Army.—Reuter.

### STEAMER CALLING FOR AID

#### VOLUNTEER SENDS OUT SOS

#### RESCUE SHIP ON THE WAY

Manila, Mar. 29.

The Globe Wireless here has picked up an SOS from the steamship Volunteer, at 29.35 North and 153.45 East.

The ship reports water pouring into number one hold faster than the pumps can eject it.

The steamer Fresno City is 240 miles away and is hurrying to the assistance of the Volunteer.—United Press.

#### CONTACT BROKEN

San Francisco, Mar. 28.

The Globe Wireless station here has heard the President Harrison advise that daylight conditions have interrupted her radio contact with the distressed Volunteer.—United Press.

#### HOPE TO SETTLE STRIKE

#### LANSING PARLEYS CONTINUING

#### GOVERNOR'S OPTIMISM

Lansing, Mich., Mar. 28.

Negotiations for the settlement of the Chrysler Corporation strike continue to-day—the fifth successive day of conferences between Governor Murphy of Michigan, Mr. Walter Chrysler and his executives, and Mr. John Lewis and labour leaders.

Before the opening of the meeting, Governor Murphy indicated that only a settlement of phraseology stood in the way of agreement on the United Automobile Workers' demand for exclusive bargaining rights.

The leaders of the Congress Party,

in the Central Provinces have also

declined to form a Ministry because

the Governor will not give them his

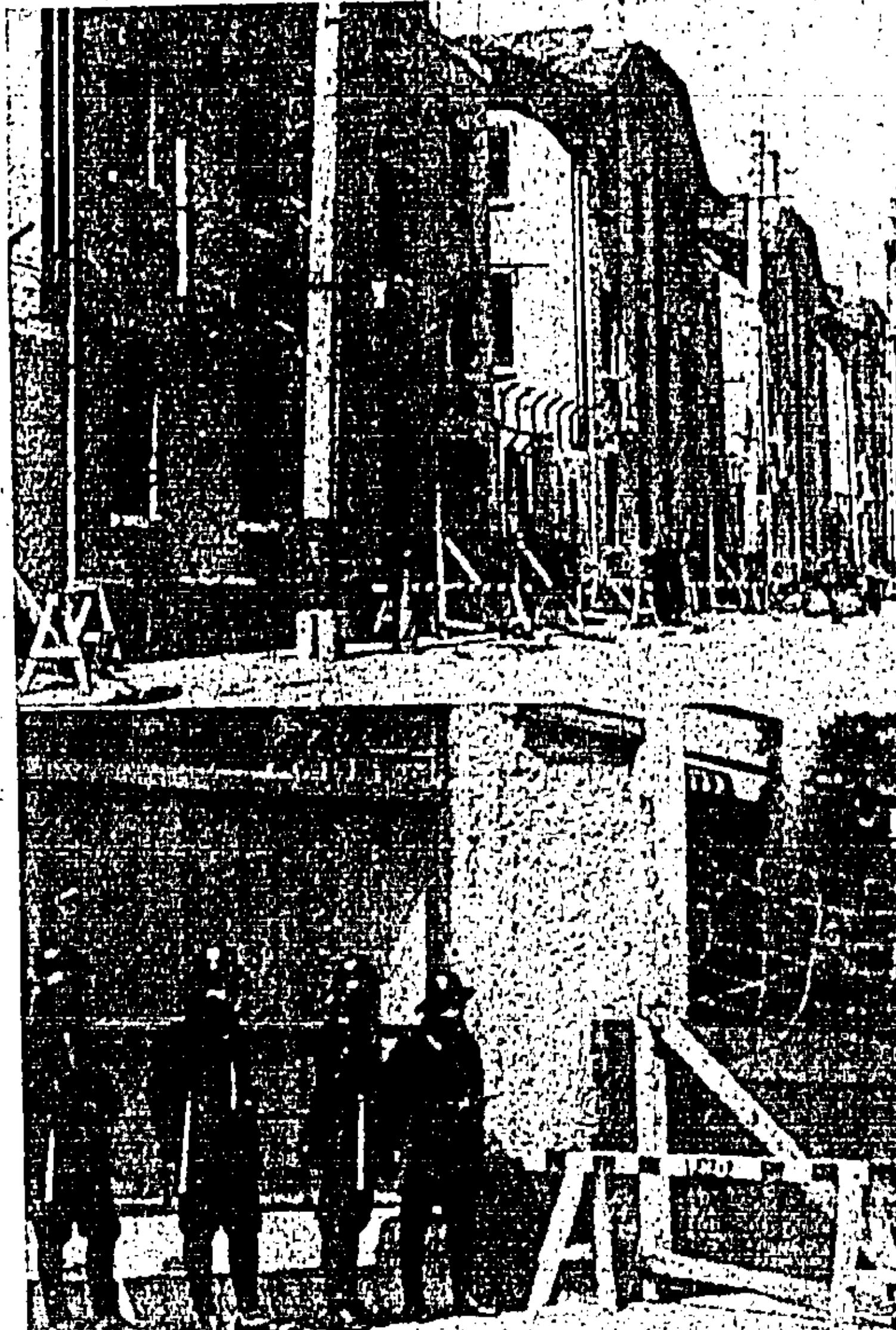
assurance that he will not use his

special powers to thwart their

industries.—Reuter.

**Colonel J. L. Steeman, Chief Commissioner of the Brigade Overseas, who yesterday inspected the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Association. He has now gone on a visit to Canton on the invitation of the Chinese Red Cross, in that city.**

### BARRICADES IN SHAI STREETS



Residents of Lane 391, Xu Xuen road, Shanghai awoke with a start recently to find that all their Tifeng Road and Bubbling Well Road entrances had been blocked by the Shanghai Municipal Police. Designated as "municipal amenities," the roads were held by the Council to be for the use of only those ratepayers who help to swell the municipal coffers. The photograph at top shows a general view of the barricades, while below is shown several of the police on duty. The position has now been adjusted.

### Feeding Crowds At Coronation

#### BUFFET LUNCHES FOR MINOR ROYALTIES

London, March 28.

Peers and peeresses attending the Coronation Service in Westminster Abbey will be able to buy a "fork luncheon" in the Royal Gallery—for 10s 6d. a head. The light refreshments are being arranged by the House of Lords Offices Select Committee.

A similar buffet luncheon will be provided for about 200 "minor royal personages" in the king's robes room. The Earl Marshal's office failed to announce if this group will be charged the same price, or if "minor royalty" will be guests.

Wines, liquor and mineral waters may be ordered in the Royal Gallery "for which cash payment will be taken at the time of ordering."

The luncheon will consist of "light dishes which can be eaten with a fork, sandwiches of all kinds, a variety of sweet dishes, cakes, etc., with tea, coffee and lemonade."

Earlier, breakfast will be served to about 400 officers of state in the Royal Gallery—at 4.30 a.m.

Doubtless the King and Queen will eat nothing from the time they leave the palace until they return, but legend says this was not always the case.

Henry VIII, sovereign of tremendous appetite for both rich viands and pretty wives, according to an old story could not wait for the long ceremony to end. He lifted his hand for a recess, strode out to his robes room where he had food and ale, and came back to the altar with his mouth full, still chewing.

Many of the thousands who will witness the coronation procession from privately engaged vantage points will receive food and drink, included in the price of their seat. This applies mostly to hospitals, hotels and other institutions with frontage along the route. They included refreshments when they sold seats at from £10 to £50 each.

The government grandstands will be served from stands in the parks adjacent.

The hundreds of thousands of "common people" who will jostle the sidewalks of the Coronation route—many of them taking their places before dawn—will have to put sandwiches in their pockets. Vendors could not pass among them if they wanted to. The crowd will be no great.—United Press.

### GERMAN CHURCH DECLARES OPEN WAR WITH NAZIS

#### BISHOP SAYS CONCORDAT WITH ROME VIOLATED

Berlin, Mar. 28.

German Catholics and Protestants alike spent Easter Sunday reaffirming their faith against what they consider Nazi opposition.

For the first time since the dispute began, an appeal was made to the Berlin Catholic faithful for open opposition to the Nazis. An appeal was read in the Cathedral by the Bishop, Count Conrad Preysing. He bluntly charged the Nazis with having violated the Concordat with Rome and appealed to parents to send protests to the authorities at alleged Nazi efforts to destroy the Catholic schools.

After the delivery of his appeal, a huge crowd greeted the Bishop outside the Cathedral with immense enthusiasm.

Simultaneously, the Munich Cathedral was packed when Cardinal Faulhaber attended. The prelate preached a special sermon declaring the Catholic Church would carry on the fight even if it meant martyrdom.

Policemen confiscated copies of the Easter circular issue of the Evangelical Church telling the pastors the line they should take at their services.

Dr. Niemoeller read out in his Dahlen Church a list of churchmen still in concentration camps or banned from their parishes, and asked the congregation to pray for them.—Reuter.

#### POPE BLESSES CROWD

Rome, Mar. 28.  
His Holiness the Pope, seated on a throne, assisted at the celebration of Pontifical High Mass at St. Peter's to-day, which is rarely, if ever, so packed. It was the first big public ceremony His Holiness had attended since his illness.

He afterwards blessed 150,000 people densely thronged in the vast square.—Reuter.

#### CAUTION STILL PREVAILS

New York, March 27.  
The New York Stock Exchange was firm to-day, although considerable caution still prevailed, which is expected to continue.

The favourable factors included continued good steel operations, good Easter retail trade, carloadings continue to improve and plate glass production for the month of March is likely to be a record.

The unfavourable factors include the possibility of a motor strike, railroad labour difficulties, legislative uncertainty and motors earnings for the first quarter of this year likely to be lower.

Issues on the Curb Exchange were irregularly higher. The Bond Market was irregular with United States Issues moderately higher.

#### DOW-JONES AVERAGES

Mar. 25, Mar. 27. Change  
Industrials ... 184.08 184.95 Up .87  
Rails ... 60.70 61.03 Up .26  
Utilities ... 32.00 32.02 Off .02  
Bonds ... 102.02 102.07 Off .01  
Volume: 530,000 shares.—United Press.

### Mine-Sweepers At Singapore

#### FLEET OF NINE ON THEIR STATION

The nine mine-sweepers which are to be stationed in Singapore arrived at the Naval Base last week. They left Malta on Jan. 25.

The craft are the Abingdon, Huntley, Farnham, Abberdare, Harrow, Widnes, Stoke, Derby, and Bagshot, officially known as the 2nd Mine-sweeping Flotilla. Commander J. R. N. Taylor, of Abingdon, is in command.

All the vessels are of the Hunt class, built during the War, and externally uniform in design and equipment.

They are of 840 tons displacement and have a speed of about 10 knots. Their armament is a single 4-in gun and a 12-pounder, or four three-pounders in lieu of the 12-pounder.

#### MINERS RESCUED

Golden, Colo., Mar. 28.  
Three miners have been rescued after being buried for 19 hours after a cave-in.—United Press.

# Make life easier

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THESE chilly mornings the alarm clock gets a lot of hard words, but endless time and trouble can be saved by using it more in your Home.

In the kitchen it can be set as a reminder to watch some particular saucepan or dish in the oven. Or if you set it just indoors while doing a bit of gardening, you will be warned in good time to start the dinner.

There is no need to keep one eye on the clock to feed baby promptly, or even to set out in time to fetch a young child from

school, if you call your alarm clock into service.

That time you had an important appointment and you rather overdid your after-lunch nap, your alarm clock, set beforehand, would have spared that frantic last-minute rush.

In the same way, you may be reminded to telephone the grocer or butcher about that "special something" required before half-day closing, or perhaps a private telephone call which can only be done at a certain time.

Ease your worry when nursing an invalid requiring an assortment of nourishment and medicines, at varying times, by setting the warning bell. Remind yourself, also, to take that tonic you are positive would do you a world of good if only you could remember the wretched stuff.

When you were so busy that you forgot to switch on the radio for that interesting talk, or to write that important letter in time to catch the post, you could have jogged your memory by "ringing yourself up" with your alarm clock.

## Those Left-over Easter Eggs make good Chocolate Dishes

Y little boy Harold was very sick early this morning. I discovered he had taken a chocolate fish to bed with him.

What did I do? I took away all his remaining chocolate eggs and fish and put them in a tin.

His sister Clementine is looking very poorly, too, so I have added her Easter presents to my store. I have Hot Chocolate Pudding on one pint of boiling

milk slowly, stirring all the time, remove from fire and beat for two minutes with an egg whisk so that it gets nice and frothy.

When my children have been extra good I give them a special treat, which is the addition of a little liquid marshmallow to their cups of chocolate.

by HESTER VALENTINE

L IQUID marshmallow is also a superb accompaniment to hot chocolate pudding. Bring 9/4 lb. milk slowly to the boil with 1/4 lb. butter. When boiling stir in 1/4 lb. sifted cake or breadcrumbs.

Chocolate Continue stirring over the fire until the mixture thickens and leaves the sides of the pan. Let it cool a bit, add 3 ozs. castor sugar, a teaspoonful of vanilla essence, and gradually the well-beaten yolks of three eggs.

Beat the whites stiff and fold them lightly into your pudding. Place in a buttered basin, cover with buttered paper, and steam for two hours.

Now, instead of making a custard of chocolate sauce for your pudding, you simply pour some cold marshmallow over it before setting it on the table.

### FIGURE for YOURSELF

#### Exercise to Slim your waist

NEXT TO HIPS WAISTLINE IS BIGGEST FIGURE PROBLEM. BUT IT DOES RESPOND TO EXERCISE AND STRETCHING AND SQUEEZING ARE NOT ONLY EXCELLENT FOR TRIM WAISTLINES BUT FOR INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS STOP FILM ACTRESS ANN SHERIDAN RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING STOP KNEEL WITH HANDS CLASPED HIGH OVERHEAD STRETCH UP AND BEND TO LEFT AND RIGHT ALTERNATELY STOP BENEFIT OF EXERCISE DEPENDS ON STRETCHING MOLLY CASTLE HOLLYWOOD.

One of a series of daily cables from Hollywood with advice on keeping fit.

WELL, to begin with, there is hot chocolate, the most delicious and nourishing drink known. Harold and Clementine have it for a Sunday treat throughout the winter right up to the end of May. Allow 3 ozs. of chocolate egg to a

star

Hot Chocolate Pudding on one pint of boiling

milk slowly, stirring all the time, remove from fire and beat for two minutes with an egg whisk so that it gets nice and frothy.

When my children have been extra good I give them a special treat, which is the addition of a little liquid marshmallow to their cups of chocolate.

C HOCOLATE Cream Mousse. This is a sweet which you only expect to get at a smart hotel, and yet it is simplicity itself to make, and required no cooking at all. Allow one hen's egg and 1 oz. chocolate egg for each person. Melt Chocolate the chocolate very slowly with a few drops of water. Mousse When it has melted and cooled a bit add it slowly to the yolks of your eggs, stirring all the time.

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### PLATINUM BLONDE

New hair bleach made from Chinese sunflower leaves hair just as good and strong as before. Chief recommendation: doesn't give artificial red and yellow tints.

### BITS TO CUT OUT

#### Ironing

K EEP a small damp sponge by you when you're doing the ironing. It is useful for damping down stubborn creases that have got too dry.

If you make a scratch-mark rub it right away with a silver coin. It will help put matters right.

#### Apple Colour

If you want apples to keep their colour while cooking, leave them in cold water containing a little lemon juice for ten minutes first.

#### Cheese

Keep it free from mildew, prevent it from going dry, by leaving lumps of sugar in the cheese dish.

#### Baby Bag

Does your baby kick the covers off? If so make him a baby bag. Winter: flannel. Summer: cotton or linen. Take four yards of material, fold in two and sew up both sides, leaving a quarter of a yard open, one piece to throw over the pillow, the other to turn back like a sheet. You can edge the pillow-covers and turn-back with lace or embroider them.

#### Grandmother, Mother And Daughter

"Some time ago I wrote to tell you what a wonderful help your pills had been to my mother. Two months ago I started taking them myself and I now have more vigour and a much clearer complexion.—But all this is not new in our family as I have heard my grandmother praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and say they are wonderful." Thus writes Miss Margaret Hibbert of Scarborough Jct., Toronto, Canada.

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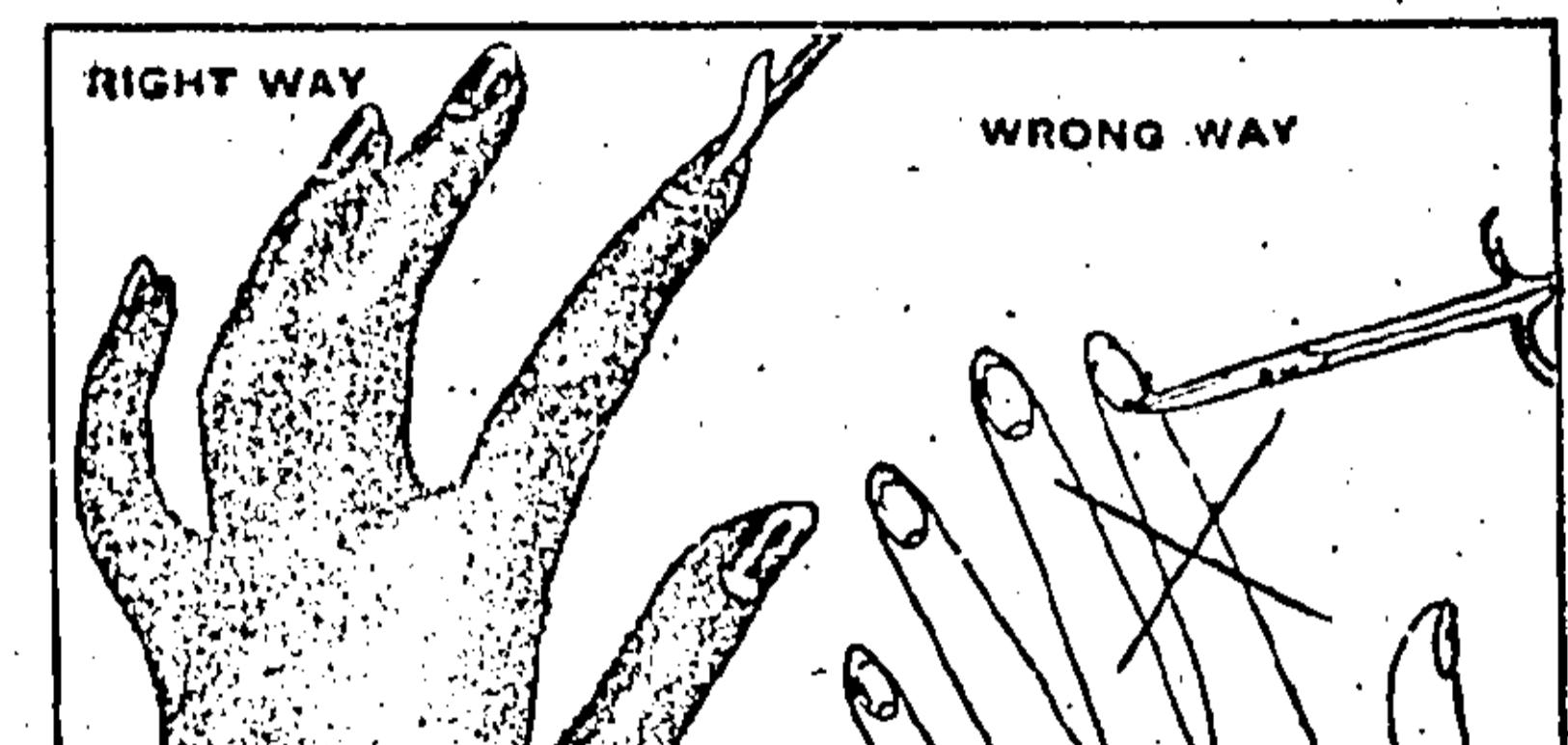
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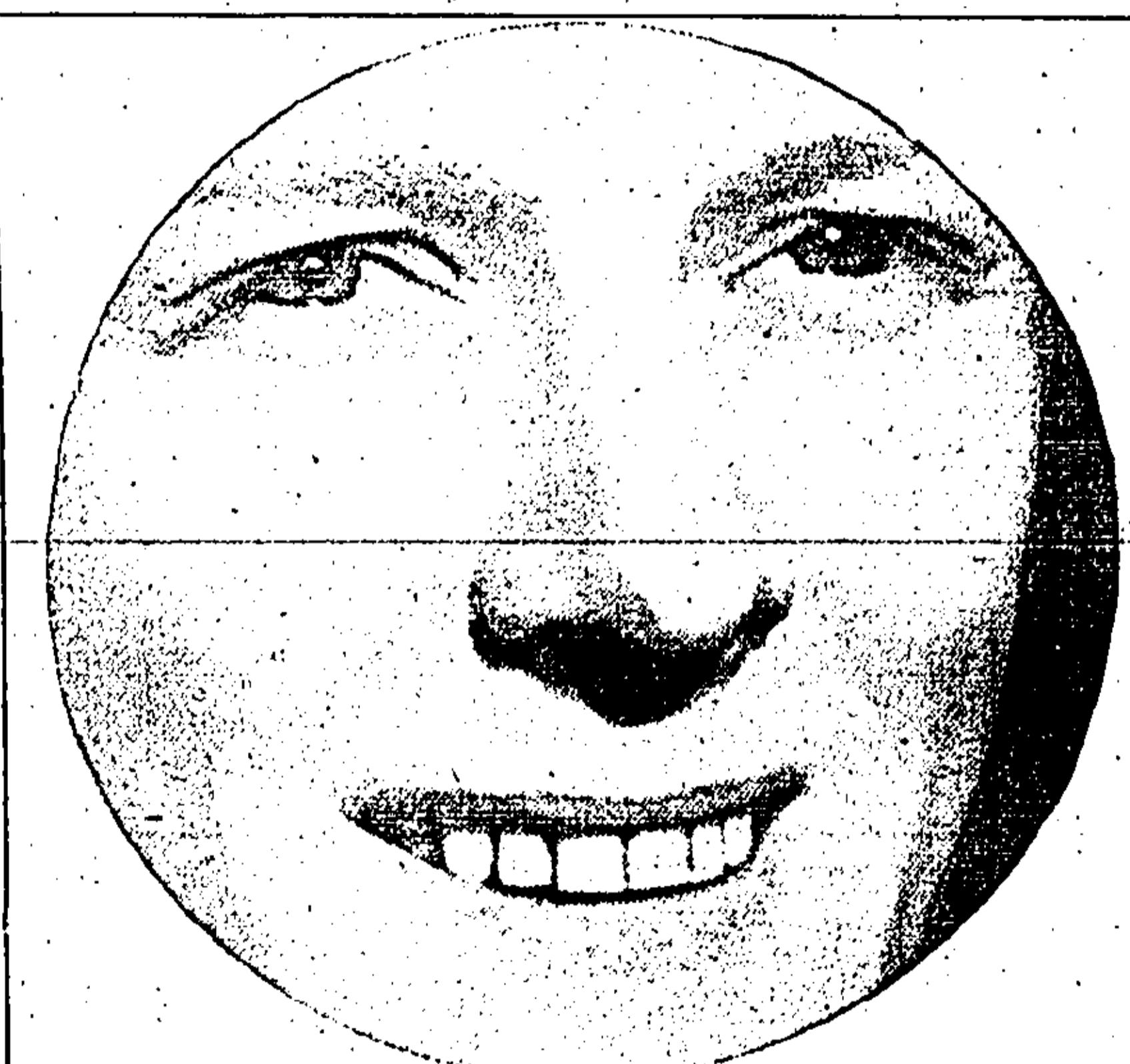


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### Battleships Of The Future

35,000-Ton or  
48,000-Ton?  
DECISION WITHIN  
SIX WEEKS

By a Naval Correspondent

During the next few days it will be decided whether the battleship of the future is to be a ship of 35,000 tons with 14-inch guns and costing £8,000,000, or a ship of 48,000 tons mounting guns of 16 inches or larger, and costing at least £12,000,000.

Under the terms of the London Naval Treaty of March last year the maximum gun calibre for capital ships is fixed at 14 inches, provided that Japan agrees to this limit before April 1, 1937.

The Treaty, which was signed by the British Empire, the United States, and France, after Japan had withdrawn from the conference, was submitted to Japan for her signature last year. Japan was unable to sign, as she would have "lost face" had she agreed to an instrument which had been drawn up after she had withdrawn from the conference on a major issue. There is, however, every hope that some arrangement which will secure Japan's co-operation will be come to before the end of next month.

#### NEW GUN'S EFFICIENCY

At present Great Britain has two battleships building, and three more are to be laid down in the near future. The first two of these ships are definitely to mount guns of 14-inch calibre. It is understood that in each ship twelve such guns will probably be carried, mounted in four three-gun turrets.

The 14-inch gun is a new weapon in the British Navy. It is a development of the 13.5-inch gun which was used in the Iron Duke and a number of other battleships designed shortly before the Great War. The 13.5-inch gun was an excellent weapon, and was very popular among gunnery officers in the Fleet.

During the last few years an immense amount of research and experimental work has been carried out in the gunnery field. As a result of this work the 14-inch gun has been produced, and it is expected that this weapon will be far more efficient, as regards range, hitting power, and rate of fire, than any heavy gun previously used in the British Navy.

The 14-inch gun is not of the wire-wound type. It is built up of tubes shrunk on to one another. It will fire a shell weighing more than 1,500 pounds.

#### HIGH RATE OF FIRE

A battleship mounting twelve of these guns will be able to maintain a much higher rate of fire than can the Nelson and Rodney, which mount nine 14-inch guns. The developments in the 14-inch gun have been such that there should be little or no difference in the effective range of the 14-inch and 16-inch weapons, and the much higher rate of fire given with a greater number of 14-inch guns will, it is considered, more than make up for the fact that the projectiles are lighter.

Since the Nelson and Rodney were completed in 1927, developments in weapons, and particularly air power, have dictated that the battleship of the future must carry heavier deck armour and a larger number of anti-aircraft weapons. For this reason it is now considered impossible to build a battleship carrying an adequate number of 16-inch guns on a displacement of 35,000 tons.

If the limit of 14 inches for guns of capital ships is not established, the displacement of future battleships will greatly exceed 35,000 tons. It is estimated that an efficient capital ship mounting an adequate number of 16-inch guns would require a displacement of approximately 48,000 tons. The "Improved Hood" type, which were building at the time of the armistice and which were scrapped on the stocks under the terms of the Washington Naval Treaty, were of approximately this tonnage.

#### BING'S £7,000 MAIL

Hollywood, Mar. 15. Bing Crosby maintains his own department to take care of his fan mail. He receives about 10,000 fan letters a month, and it costs Bing nearly £7,000 a year to keep this department going, supplying and mailing photographs.

### "IT'S GOING TO BE A PROPER ONE"

MORE than 30,000,000 Americans and Canadians are going to die in a colossal flood that will sweep from the Pacific seaboard to the Rocky Mountains and from the Mexican border to Alaska at the end of 1938.

Yes, sir—that's what's comin' to all those guys if they won't repent their evil ways.

Mr. Bill ("Noah the Second") Greenwood, of "The Ark," Olympia, State of Washington, U.S.A., bawled this prophecy down the Transatlantic-trans-Continental telephone to a London reporter.

President Roosevelt may sack nine old men and hand a New Deal to Uncle Sam's children, but unless he chases the Devil out of America as well they're going to get the rawest deal nation ever had, whether they like it or not.

"I got it all figured out," said old "Nosh" Greenwood.

#### HE MOVED IN

"Fifteen years ago I went to bed one night and I dreamed I saw a great battle of the forces of good and evil, and a voice told me that if the people didn't repent their wickedness a great flood would cover America at the end of 1938."

"Well, sir, I started right in and built me an ark. I meant that to be a symbol and a warning of what was coming."

"I didn't just hope to save my own life, because the Lord will take care of that or he won't just as he likes well. I moved in and took as much furniture and comforts as I needed."

"That was 15 years ago when the warning came to me. People laughed and went on as usual. They thought I was a crank same as you might think I'm a crank, but they thought Noah was a crank, too, didn't they?"

"Yes, sir, but who'd you say was cranky now? an' who'd you think's goin' to look very foolish when the deluge comes next year?"

#### A WARNING

"For 15 years they've gone their evil ways. Now they've got a warning direct."

"The big floods that have been causin' so much distress in these last weeks are terrible, but they're only a slight indication of the way things are goin'; they're just a little preliminary of the destruction that's surely comin'."

"If the country don't return to the ways of the Lord there's goin' to be a flood from the West Coast to the Rockies and from Mexico to Alaska."

"Won't anything be saved?" I asked him.

"Not much," replied Bill, "not much. No, sir, it's goin' to be a proper flood."

When the telephone line went weak his neighbour, Mr. Harold Eastman, of vigorous voice, came to the phone to speak for Bill.

"Are you going in the ark when the flood comes?" I asked him.

"No," said Mr. Eastman, "I don't hold with his views about this flood business. But Bill's a good neighbour and he spends his time doing kindly acts."

"But just supposing he's right?" I said.

"Ah!" remarked Mr. Eastman thoughtfully.

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#### SILENCE, SILENCE, SHOUTS BAILIFF; SILENCE IS ABSENT

London, Mar. 20. "Silence!" shouted a constable at Tottenham Police Court.

"Silence there was."

"Silence!" thundered the constable again, and people in the public gallery stared uneasily.

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### CRUISE LINER ARRIVES

(Continued from Page 1.)

Smith, Mrs. George D. Allison, of Cleveland, and her daughter, Miss Nancy Allison.

William J. Donaldson, of Knoxville, Tenn., accompanied by Mrs. Donaldson, the Misses Lucille, Emily and Angelina Donaldson, Jr., Dr. Robert W. Gibbs, of Columbia, S.C., with Mrs. Gibbs and Dr. Jane Bruce Guignard.

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Munsey Slack, newspaper publisher of Bristol, Tenn., and Mrs. Slack.

Baron Gisbert von Romberg-Klitzing, Baron Manfred von Richthofen and Count Albert von Rechberg.

### COLONY'S SURPLUS

#### YEAR'S REVENUE EXCEEDS ESTIMATES

Indication of the improved conditions in Hongkong are contained in the financial returns of the Colony for last year, issued in the Government Gazette on Saturday.

Although a deficit of approximately \$3,000,000 was estimated, the returns show that actually revenue exceeded expenditure by about \$500,000. This compares with a surplus of about \$20,000 for 1935.

Estimated revenue for 1936 was \$20,598,148, but actually \$30,042,093 was received, an increase of \$3,371,138. For 1935 the revenue amounted to \$28,430,649.

The estimated expenditure for 1936 was \$20,598,148, but actually \$29,513,520 was expended, in comparison with \$20,291,636 in 1935.

An analysis of the figures shows that revenue-producing departments which showed increases over 1935 were dues, port and harbour dues, licences, Court fees, Post Office and land sales. Those which did not reach the estimated figure were the Kowloon-Canton railway, rents, interest and miscellaneous.

#### K.C.R. EXPENSE DROPS

On the expenditure side, most departments increased their 1935 costs. Those which did not were the air services, Crown Solicitor's Office, Land Office, Kowloon-Canton Railway, military contribution, charitable grants, charges on account of public debt and public works, recurrent.

The biggest revenue increase came from dues, the year's figures being \$1,704,034 above those for 1935. Kowloon-Canton Railway receipts dropped by \$160,205, but, to offset that, expenditure was \$104,000 less. Post Office receipts improved by \$200,235 and port and harbour dues by \$102,677.

The biggest increase in expenditure occurred in pensions, which at \$2,287,745 cost \$372,141 more than in 1935. The Police Force cost \$304,863 more and Public Works Department expenditure increased by \$308,668. There was a drop of \$482,703 in the military contribution.

The statement of assets and liabilities on December 31 shows an excess of assets over liabilities of \$12,917,132.

#### LINDBERGH'S HOME-BOUND

Boghdad, Mar. 28. Col. and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, who are returning to Europe by easy stages, left here in their private plane for Aleppo, en route to Turkey, today. —Reuter.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

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#### GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 48th Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, 1937, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1936.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 24th March, 1937, to Wednesday, the 31st March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
T. C. T. BECK,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1937.

#### THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

The Fifty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 8th April, 1937, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 22nd April inclusive.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1937.

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#### HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

Attention of Members is drawn to a Recital by Madame "Scilla", Baronesse of the Gorred, to take place in the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, 30th March, 1937, at 9.20 p.m.

#### ST. JOHN BRIGADE INSPECTION BY COL. J. L. SLEEMAN

The great necessity of having an adequate ambulance corps and nursing divisions at all times, and particularly during times of emergency and war, was stressed by Colonel J. L. Sleeman, Chief Commissioner of the Brigade Overseas, at an inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Association yesterday.

The parade was held on the open Naval Recreation ground at Causeway Bay in the morning, when a full attendance of Brigade members and Nursing Divisions was present.

A very smart appearance was presented by the men and nurses, as they stood lined up, the men to the east of the parade ground, and the nurses to the north.

The Brigade Divisions taking part in the inspection, with their Divisional Superintendents, were the Hongkong Y.M.C.A. (under Mr. Wong Kam-cheung), King's College (under Mr. Tsui Long-chiu), Indiana (under Mr. M. A. Khan), Kowloon Y.M.C.A. (under Mr. Ho Slew-um), Mongkok (under Mr. Fan Shiu-nam), South China Athletic (under Mr. Lam Sing-u), Chinese Athlete (under Mr. Chan Ping-kwong), Wanchai (under Mr. B. A. Hyder), Central (under Mr. Man Shiu-kan), Eastern (under Mr. Yau Pok-tung), South China Athletic Cadets, Indian Cadets, and Motor Drivers (under Mr. Liu Pak-kwan).

The Nursing Divisions and their Divisional Superintendents and Nursing Officers present were the Victoria (under Mrs. Watson), Y.W.C.A. (under Miss Alice Kwok), King's College (under Miss Leung Chung-ling), Man Chuen (under Miss Leung Siu-yu), Mu Fong (under Miss Lee Yut-ying), Mongkok (under Miss Geng Pang), Central (Miss Chan Yuet-hing), Sun Sino (under Miss Lui Po-sim), and To Shui (under Miss Chu).

The Band of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Hongkong) Division also attended the inspection.

#### OFFICIAL PARTY

Col. Sleeman was accompanied on his inspection of the Corps and Nursing Divisions by Mr. A. Morris (Director of Ambulance), Mr. Chak Tai-kwong (Corps Superintendent), Mrs. R. Langley (Hon. Secretary), Mr. A. el Arculli (District Officer), Dr. S. S. Strahan, Dr. (Mrs.) A. L. J. Dovey (Corps Surgeons), Mr. A. H. Rumjahn, Mr. Leung Sui-sang, and Mr. Sz To-chung (Corps Officers). Other officers present were Dr. (Miss) P. Ruttonjee, Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Lopez, and Miss G. Choa. Dr. J. E. Dovey was also present.

After inspecting every unit, Col. Sleeman addressed the parade, which had formed into a hollow square. He said: "Mr. Morris, Mr. Chak, Officers and Brothers of St. John Ambulance and Brigade, and Brothers and Sisters of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.—I want first of all to say what a very great pleasure it is to me to be here to-day to inspect your parade. During the whole tour which I have now made of the Empire, I have looked forward to this moment more than I can tell you, because the reputation of the Hongkong Corps is very high. You have at times been severely tested, and never have you failed the Brigade of which I have the honour to be Chief Commissioner."

"I have, indeed, the highest respect for the magnificent example which has been shown by the Chinese and Indians in Hongkong. Your entire finance to assist towards the formation of the Corps has come practically entirely out of Chinese pockets. You have the honour to-day to belong to an organization in the British Empire totalling a million ambulance men and nursing sisters like yourselves, every one of which I have had the honour now of meeting. You will observe that I took occasion to shake hands with each one of you. That is because I can only see you once every five years, as my tour takes three and a half years to complete."

"Before I leave the Headquarters of the Grand Priory in London, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, of whom I have the honour to represent on these tours, always shakes me by the hand and asks me to convey that handshake to everyone in the Empire who has the honour to call himself Brother or herself Sister of the Order of St. John."

#### WORK OF HUMANITY

"Remember that is how we should regard ourselves—brothers and sisters engaged in this great work of humanity, rendering in peace time first aid services, and, in the event of a still greater emergency ready, efficient and disciplined to carry out your parts. We played that part, as you know, during the South African and Great Wars, but it is not only in wartime that ambulance services are required. Many of you on parade to-day have been the means of saving human life, and have been responsible for bringing relief to suffering."

"I have seen the work you have

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## HOSPITAL CASES

### CHINESE INJURED IN PEDESTRIAN COLLISION

Several persons were admitted to Government hospitals on Saturday after accidents.

While walking along Connaught Road Central a man named Woo Hok-chee was accidentally bumped by another Chinese and, losing his footing on the wet pavement, fell and hurt his head. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from concussion.

A Chinese baby girl named Chin Yuk-ying, of St. Po Tak Street, was taken to hospital suffering from burns accidentally received.

A coolie named Cha Klim was also taken to the Government Civil Hospital when he was hit by a piece of rock during blasting operations at Stanley. He is in a serious condition.

## MAN STABBED IN STREET

While walking along Queen's Road East on Friday, Chung Cheung, a 39-year-old man, was stabbed in the back with some sharp instrument by an unknown man who managed to make his escape. Chung had a serious wound, and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

Receiving injuries as a result of being assaulted in Spring Garden Lane on Friday, Wu Kuan, an electrician employed in the Naval Dockyard, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital.

## FIXING A DATE FOR EASTER

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be exact—already employ a 13-month calendar, among them being the Chinese, Hindus and Buddhists.

## TAKING THE PLUNGE?

A conservative habit of mind is very general in Britain. It took us 170 years to summon up enough courage to adopt the Gregorian calendar which had been in use in Europe since 1582. Even then we did not get rid of the injustice done to February when the Emperor Augustus took one of its days and added it to those of August in order that his own birth month should not be inferior to that of Julius.

As far as our wandering Easter is those in northern latitudes who suffer most from the device of the Council of Nicia in 325.

And as there is no longer need of the moon's light to illuminate the path of Easter pilgrims to Holy places, the absence of the Paschal full moon will not be a serious disadvantage, though I admit that in many places, notably Jerusalem, dark nights at this time would be deplored.

When the Christian world was mainly on Mediterranean shores it did not matter that the date of the feast might vary by 35 days. But as the forest lands to the north were cleared and the missionaries reached lands of less genial spring climate, the uncertainty of Easter was of importance. The surprising thing is that we have put up with it so long.

"To Mary With Love".

## CINEMA NOTES

### ROYAL ENGINEERS OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

Darryl F. Zanuck, Twentieth Century-Fox production chief, in assigning male role to Tyrone Power the leading screen triumph, which has its run at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day, gives that young man one of the most coveted characterizations of the year. The opportunity of over-night stardom was granted the young player as a result of his outstanding performances in two previous Twentieth Century-Fox pictures, "Lloyd's of London" and "Avalon".

The cabaret will begin at 10.20 p.m. Dancing will continue until 2 a.m. Music being supplied by the Sonofits Band. Among the cabaret artistes are Miss Ann Winter and a bullet presented by George Gershwin.

The function will be farewell to members who are due to leave shortly. Tickets, which can be purchased at the door, are \$1 for ladies and \$1.50 for men.

hurts, romancing lightly yet loving deeply. "To Mary—With Love," Twentieth Century-Fox triumph, is playing at the Star Theatre. Co-starring Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy for the third time, and providing them with a story and background which enables them to surpass the heights they reached together in "Penthouse" and "Broadway Bill."

"The Charge of the Light Brigade," the Warner Bros. picture co-starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland, is now on the screen of the King's Theatre. The soul-stirring spirit of Lord Tennyson's immortal poem "Charge of the Light Brigade" carries through the picture to the tear-jerking climax—although the tragic love story of the two English brothers who love the same Scottish girl, makes up the real substance of the story. It is at an Army post in India that the idyll of Captain Geoffrey Vickery and Elsa Campbell begins and ends. The ill-fated lovers are unforgettably portrayed by Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland.

Errol Flynn gives a magnificent performance both as the lover and the fighting warrior who deliberately changes his superior's order of attack, himself leading the Light Brigade into the "mouth of hell." Olivia de Havilland is extremely moving as the girl who is torn between the loves of the two brothers. The character is drawn with a sympathy and understanding rare in so young an actress. Patric Knowles, who was brought from England to play the part of Geoffrey's brother, portrays

the part with fine artistry and oddly enough, greatly resembles Errol Flynn. All the members of the large cast are admirably suited to their parts, but special mention is deserved by Henry Stephenson, Field Marshal in the Crimean War, Donald Crisp as the father of the heroine and one of those slain at Chinkot; David Niven and G. P. Huntley, Gordon as Surat Khan, Amir of Suristan; and Spring Byington as the wife of a British Army officer.

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## CABARET DANCE

### BY ROYAL ENGINEERS OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

The Royal Engineers Old Comrades Association will hold a carnival dance and cabaret in the Peninsula Hotel at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday. Notification to reserve tables has already been sent to members, and owing to heavy booking it is requested that this be done at once, and not later than Friday.

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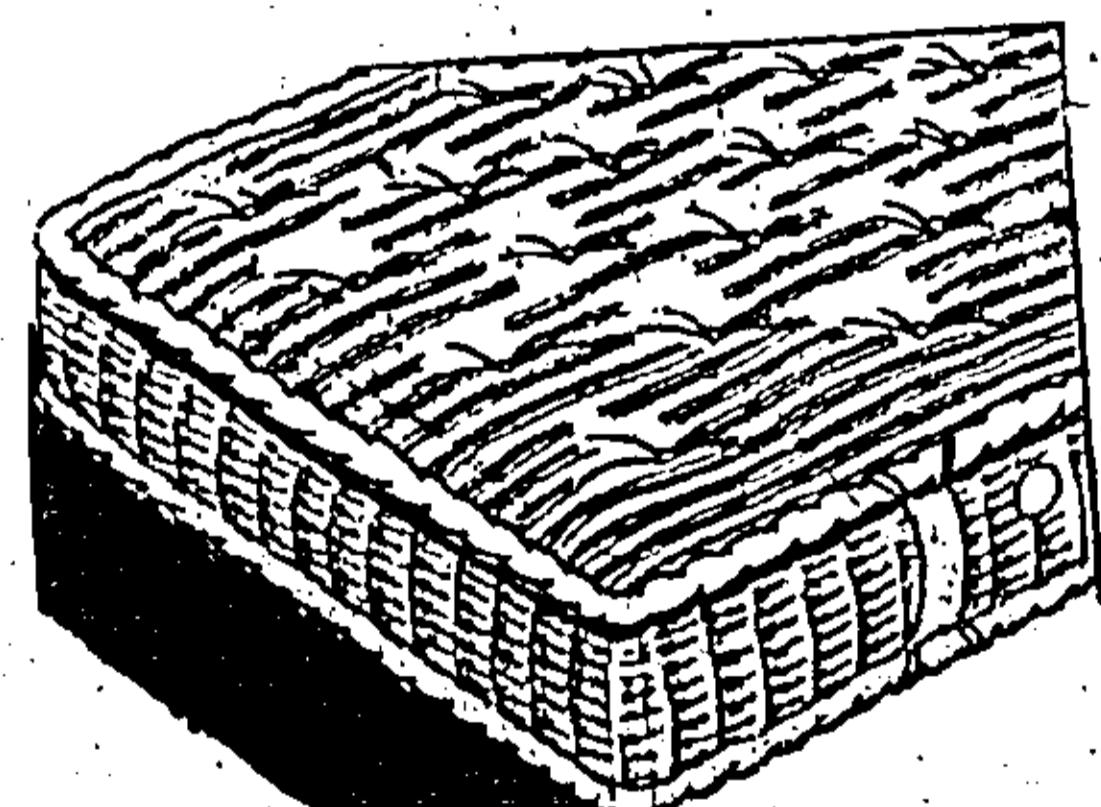
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**DEATH**

KISTNER.—On Easter Sunday, 1937,  
Belinda Anne, beloved baby of  
Nool and Frank Kistner, aged  
five months.

**The  
Hongkong Telegraph:**

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1937.

**AN EMPIRE  
COUNCIL?**

Advantage is being taken of  
the presence in London during  
the Coronation observances of

numerous Dominion statesmen

for the purpose of holding another Imperial Conference, at which important matters of common concern to the Motherland and the overseas Dominions will be discussed. Such gatherings take place all too infrequently.

It is true that High Commissions are always on hand when issues arise which affect the Dominions, and that in these days of rapid communication consultation is greatly facilitated. The Committee of Imperial Defence provides another valued link. But these are not adequate substitutes for the necessities of the case. Hence the proposal that there should be established in London a Common Council of Empire to deal with the many Imperial questions which are constantly arising. London is obviously the centre for such a body, which would be representative both of the Mother Country and the self-governing Dominions, and which would be in more or less constant session. The United Kingdom, in its dealings with the Dominions, always keeps well in mind the rights of the Dominions, which have been placed on a very definite basis under the Statute of Westminster. It has been clearly shown in recent years that the Motherland takes no action or adopts no formula without due and proper consultation with overseas Governments. None the less, it is well recognised that Great Britain is still the mainstay of the Empire, the only source to which the Dominions can look for effective protection against possible aggressors. Even the Irish Free State owes much to the guardianship of the Navy. Thus, apart altogether from ties of blood and sentiment, never stronger than they are to-day, self-interest will ensure the homogeneity of the Empire for many years to come. The Dominions are too weak in population and defensive resources to enable them to stand alone, even if, which is not the case, they desired to do so. But there does seem some necessity for the setting up of a representative body which would concern itself with all matters of common interest to the Empire as a whole—a body which would provide that personal contact which

**TWICE ONE IS SOMETIMES  
MORE THAN TWO****The  
Cost of the  
second baby**

This is one father's explanation  
of the declining birth rate. He  
believes it is the middle-class  
point of view. Do YOU agree?

**FALLING**

ALTHOUGH the population increased by two and two-thirds millions between 1921 and 1934, the birth-rate has fallen by one-third during the last generation.

Population increase is due to better health, longer lives.

During the last 13 years the average number of persons per family has fallen from 4.17 to 3.68.

From 1841 to 1850 there were 32.6 live births per 1,000 population. In 1901 this had shrunk to 28.5 in 1925 to 18.3. In 1934 it was only 14.8.

education for their children with a fair prospect of a good job when they are grown up.

I know it will be said that this is mainly a middle-class view, and an upper-middle-class at that.

Granted. But this middle-class view is spreading downwards, economically speaking, and from my own inquiries and observations is making headway among the people who earn less but provide more children.

The question is not so much one of health, but pounds, shillings and pence. And it is not so much a problem for the man who looks after our health as for the man who every year puts his hand in the pockets of so many of us and adds to the hardship of life; the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

ND what has the Chancellor

To my mind—and I think this is the view of most parents—the Chancellor's idea of children allowances leaves complete disregard of the economic conditions of our middle-class taxpayers.

His £60 allowance for each child of the household budget.

He seems to have worked it out by simple arithmetic, very simple arithmetic, like one and one make two.

A man with one child gets £60 knocked off. Therefore a man with

two children gets £120, and so on.

**FIXING A DATE FOR EASTER****Steps to World-wide Calendar Reform in Time for January 1939**

By C. B. MORTLOCK

LESS than a year ago the Easter holidays were all over, and we were back at work again for a fortnight. Next year on March 23 we shall have more than a week to go before Easter. Then in 1940 Easter Day will be within two days of the earliest it can contrive—that is to say, March 24.

We are so inured to the variable nature of Easter, which in its turns governs Whitsun, that not many people stop to inquire how it comes about that the date of Easter fluctuates in what seems the most arbitrary fashion through the five weeks between March 22 and April 25.

When I was a small boy I used sometimes to beguile the tedium of sermon-time by trying to work out the "Table to Find Easter" which is among the early pages of the Prayer Book. I never succeeded. Looking at it again, I notice that its mysterious system of Dominical Letters and Golden Numbers is worked out to the year 2100 inclusive.

ACT ALREADY PASSED

Meanwhile there is an Act of Parliament on the Statute Book—the Easter Act, 1928—which definitely fixes Easter as the Sunday after the second Saturday in April, which is how it happened to fall last year. The Act has not yet the force of law because it provides that it shall not come into operation except by Order in Council, which shall not be issued until the various Christian bodies have signified their approval.

So far as the Church of England and other religious bodies are concerned, the incidence of Easter uniform, which the real moon could not have its critics among the Roman Catholic clergy, who pointed out the desirability of a fixed date for Easter.

Luther was also of their opinion,

The most sweeping plan of calendar reform is that by which the year would be divided into 13 lunar months of 28 days each, the one day left over being named Year Day and reckoned as a public holiday. But even that is not new, for it was advocated by Auguste Comte, the French philosopher, more than a hundred years ago. A great advantage of the 13-month year is that the days of the week would always fall on the same dates in the month.

The housewife would no longer be faced with five week-ends' catering for four weeks' pay; employers would not occasionally have 53 pay-days in the year instead of 52; school and college terms would be regular, and all comparative statistics simplified.

In fact the arguments in support of the 13-month year can be multiplied almost indefinitely; indeed, there are many public bodies, including Government departments and railways, as well as business undertakings, who do in fact divide their financial year into 13 four-weekly periods.

In most countries of the world weekly and four-weekly periods are used for vital statistics. For almost all scientific comparisons into which a time element enters the irregularity of the calendar has to be redressed.

One of the principal objections to the plan is that the 13-month year is not divisible into quarters, but the tendency in commerce is to work on a monthly basis.

The sentimental objection is probably stronger. Everybody with a birthday on the 29th, 30th or 31st of any present month would find himself with a strange date in another month, and some of us would be keeping our birthdays and other cherished anniversaries in the wrong month.

On the whole, however, the advantages heavily outweigh the disadvantages, especially since it has been calculated that a colossal saving would be released for business expansion and other purposes owing to the shortening of the month. For instance, for every £21 of liquid capital now circulating in every sort of business undertaking conducted

there would be a saving of £1.20, or 5.7 per cent. This is equivalent to a saving of £1.20 for every £21 of liquid capital now circulating in every sort of business undertaking conducted

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Very simple—for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but not so simple for Mr. Smith.

Before their first child came the Smiths were getting along fairly comfortably in their three-bed-room house.

Mrs. Smith was able to look after her modern-equipped home, cook the meals, keep the home clean and tidy, do a certain amount of washing and mending, and live just on the right side of their salary.

THEN came Smith, junior, to add to the weekly budget and to Mrs. Smith's daily work for the home.

But she could still manage to look after her baby and keep her home spotless and span.

And Mr. Smith, when he filled in his income tax form, claimed the £60 a kind-hearted Chancellor allowed for young Smith.

The Smiths love children, and a year later a second little Smith arrives. Now things begin to grow complicated for Mrs. Smith, with two young babies and a house to look after.

Of course, the Chancellor allows Mr. Smith another £60 off his income tax for his second child. But the actual tax rebate which this makes does not cover baby's food, to say nothing of clothes, chemist's and the numerous other incidents in all babies' early days. And now Mrs. Smith finds it impossible, with two babies, to run her home properly. She has to engage a charwoman at seven shillings a day, or hire a maid-servant whose wages have to be paid and whose hunger has to be appeased.

The Smiths' income is reduced by exactly that much. And does the Chancellor of the Exchequer make an allowance for this? Not on your life!

In his view Mrs. Smith should find a way of looking after her two small children and running her home—without help.

And if a third young Smith comes before the other two are old enough to keep on their legs, she must perform the same miracle—or even a harder one.

But hundreds of thousands of Smiths in this country are refusing to go on working this kind of miracle, and until the Chancellor of the Exchequer takes the trouble to learn as much about household budget balancing as he knows about national Budget balancing, they will go on refusing.

HENCE my advice to the National Association of Insurance Committees, or any other bodies concerned with our falling birthrate. Appeal first to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

He is the "big bad wolf" for the average middle-class family man.

**F. J. Tuckfield**

on a monthly basis £28 only would be needed under the new scheme.

**CHOICE FOR GENEVA**

Since 1923 the matter has been before the League of Nations which entrusted it to the Communications and Transit committee. That committee meets only once in four years, and is to have its next meeting in October of this year.

In 1927 the secretariat of the League requested the nations, including the United States, to submit their proposals for calendar reform. Something like 300 different schemes were put forward. These have been reduced by the committee to two. One is the 13-month year and the other the equalisation of the quarters. Both provide for a Fixed and both depend on the insertion of a Year Day owing to the asymmetrical habit of the earth in revolving round the sun in 365 1/4 days instead of in a neat 364.

Since the fixed Easter and calendar reform are intertwined there is some urgency in getting something done about it. And for this reason, thanks largely to the researches of the Rev. D. F. Fotheringham, vicar of Charing, Kent, it is now generally accepted by all ecclesiastical authorities that the date of the Crucifixion was on April 7, A.D. 30. That date is unanimously recommended by the League of Nations Committee to be observed as Good Friday. That is the day on which it will fall according to the present calendar in 1939.

In that year also January 1 will fall on a Sunday, thus giving an opportunity, which will not recur till 1950, of inaugurating the 13-month year, an essential feature of which is that each month should begin on a Sunday.

**THIRTEEN MONTHS**

There does not seem much likelihood of the reform being carried through in time to effect the change by 1939, but there is good reason for believing that if the British Government cared to take the initiative at Geneva the principal difficulty of unanimous acceptance would be overcome.

Lord Ferversham, speaking in the House of Lords the other day, argued in reply to Lord Methay, Lord Desborough (the author of the Easter Act), and the Archbishop of Canterbury, that public opinion was not yet prepared, even if it welcomed reform, to press for immediate action in any particular direction.

It is probably true that at a first glance English public opinion would be repugnant to the idea of a 13-month year. In few things are we conservative as in our measurement of time, though we should revolt at a yard-measure which was sometimes 36in. and sometimes 34in. or 37in.

Surprising as it may seem, the majority of mankind—82 per cent. to (Continued on Page 6)

# 21,642 QUESTIONS FOR A JURY!

This is a  
Legal Record!

## JUDGES SET A TASK

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, MAR. 1.  
A WORLD'S LAWSUIT RECORD WILL BE ESTABLISHED HERE IN A FEW WEEKS WHEN A JURY OF THE HIGH COURT WILL BE LOCKED IN TO GIVE ANSWERS TO NO FEWER THAN 21,642 QUESTIONS!

These questions have been prepared for them by the judges before whom the case, that of three men charged with forging and uttering share certificates, was tried.

The judges have taken weeks considering the questions, which are printed on more than five thousand, foolscap sheets forming a volume twenty-four inches thick.

The previous record for the number of questions put to a jury in a French lawsuit was 1,050 in the Stavitsky trial, but on Thursday this record was passed when a jury tackled 2,100 questions.

That record, in turn, will be left far behind by the new affair with its ten times greater number of questions.

The Stavitsky Jury took twenty-four hours, working night and day, to give their answers, and it is expected that the jury faced with the 21,642 questions will not get through in less than a month.

They will be locked up in specially prepared quarters of the Court, and will not be allowed to communicate with the outer world until their task is over.

### HUGE COST

Each question will have to be read out by the foreman and then discussed, after which the foreman will write the answer of the question such as "Yes, with unanimity."

When the task is completed and the jury asked for their verdict the foreman will have to read out each question in its turn and give the answer of his colleagues.

The sum of money involved in the charges is about £5,000, but the trial will cost at least ten times that amount, and as the jury are mostly business men who will be obliged to neglect their own affairs during the days they will be wrestling with these questions, their losses alone will probably surpass the amount at issue in the trial.

**THE CASE HAS BROUGHT INTO RELIEF THE CUMBROUS MACHINERY OF FRENCH LEGAL PROCEDURE, AND THE AGITATION FOR DRAMATIC REFORM HAS TAKEN A NEW LEASE OF LIFE AMONG THE CLASS FROM WHICH SUCH JURIES ARE DRAWN.**

## MAKE BIG HAUL FROM THE SEA

Mounted Police Have \$100,000 Worth of Opium Recovered From Fraser

Vancouver, Feb. 28.  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers here had \$100,000 worth of opium in their possession to-night, but held little hope that the discovery of the narcotic would lead to arrest of anyone responsible for its importation.

The drug, in sacks, was hauled from the Fraser River on the anchor chain of Ss. Gyokoh Maru at New Westminster to-day. The Japanese vessel had anchored in the stream while waiting for dock space.

Investigators said it was the custom of smugglers to cast their bundles of opium into the water, where they were recovered by accomplices dragging from small boats.

### WEATHER DETERRENT

The present cache, apparently lost when tossed overboard, might have been submerged for more than a week, R.C.M.P. officers said. Recent cold weather and ice on the river would act as a deterrent to dragging operations, they declared.

Officers said they did not believe the narcotic had been dropped overboard from the Gyokoh Maru.

The opium, a long bundle of eleven sacks tied together, each sack containing between fifty and sixty tins, valued at \$200 each, was brought to R.C.M.P. headquarters here this afternoon.

## OPERATION ON COUNT COVADONGA

Third Illness In Twelve Months

Havana, Mar. 26.  
Count Covadonga, eldest son of King Alfonso of Spain, underwent an operation on his thigh to-day. He is stated to be resting comfortably, in spite of the haemophilia (bleeding) from which he has suffered in the past.

The operation was performed at the house of some friends, where the Count lay ill, by the same doctors who attended him during his previous illness in Cuba.

In the course of twelve months Count Covadonga has now been seriously ill three times.—Reuters.



Members of the Russian community who participated in the National Concert held at the St. Andrew's Church Hall recently.

## GOLD CURE MADE HIM WALK AFTER 13 YEARS

*And Now His Invalid Chair Is Up for Sale*

### Irene Dunne Named Joint No. 1 Actress

By PAUL HOLT

WISE men of Hollywood—members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences—are debating at this moment

the destiny of a small gold statuette to be awarded to the actress giving the best performance of the year. Five stars are in the final list—Norma Shearer, Luise Rainer, Gladys George, Carole Lombard and Irene Dunne.

Irene Dunne.  
The last choice was puzzling me until I saw a new film called "Theodore Goes Wild."

Now I should say it's even money between the Misses Lombard and Dunne.

This film makes news on two counts:

1. It is high comedy of a most unusual brand. Unlike most comedies the fun is sustained to the very last moment. In fact, the curtain is better comedy than the whole.

2. The fun revolves around an actress who has for years had the reputation of a serious and sentimental songbird. This is her first fling at fun and she gives a performance that few actresses in the world could better. If ever there were a dark horse—a really dark horse—that won a big race, that horse should bow politely to Miss Dunne.

"Theodore Goes Wild" carries the crazy comic craze of Hollywood a good many steps further. The lass lives in Lynnhurst—two stops west of Mr. Deeds' Mandrake Falls—and she writes, under an assumed name, a lurid novel called "The Sinner."

From that point on, it's catch as catch can. A metropolitan arrives in Miss Dunne's village to teach her the facts of life—and Miss Dunne arrives in the metropolitan's village (Manhattan) to teach him a couple of rules of living he never could have caught up with by himself in a decade.

The whole thing is nutty and wild and woolly and thoroughly entertaining. Probably the comedy of the year.

### CHINESE TIE UP STREET TRAFFIC

Thirty Jobless Sit Down On

Calgary Intersection To

Register Their Protest

Calgary, Mar. 12.

Another "sit-down" protest by Chinese on unemployed relief in Calgary was staged to-day.

Shortly after 2 p.m., thirty Chinese, protesting relief grants of \$1.12 a week, marched to the corner of Eighth Avenue and First Street, busy downtown intersection. Some sat between the car tracks; others squatted on the rails and a few lay face-down.

The Orientals halted tram and motor traffic and attracted scores of shoppers.

One-by-one, the demonstrators

were dragged from the tracks—one

police constable handling the job

and when officers arrived from headquarters the demonstration was over. No arrests were made.

### Dread Child Disease Conquered

Stanford University,

California, Mar. 15.

AFTER years of research by teams of scientists and doctors, two experimenters here believe that they have at last discovered the means of conquering one of the most terrifying diseases in the world—infantile paralysis.

The experimenters are E. W. Schultz and L. P. Gebhardt. Following the pioneer work of Charles Armstrong, of the United States Public Health Service, they have discovered a harmless chemical solution, which, when sprayed correctly into the nose, renders monkeys immune from infantile paralysis infection.

It was discovered that the germs of this disease could penetrate the nervous system only by the exposed ends of the nerves of the spinal cord, high up in the nose.

Armstrong, experimenting with a weak solution of picric acid and alum, found that he could galvanize these nerves in monkeys. After a solution he poured in deadly doses of the infantile paralysis virus.

The monkeys lived.

### THOUSANDS SAVED

Last year, when an epidemic of infantile paralysis broke out in the southern States Armstrong was called in and the experiment had a great measure of success.

Thousands of lives were saved. But the solution was not perfect. It did not always prevent the access of the disease germs.

Now, at Stanford University, tests have been made with a weak solution of zinc sulphate.

This, sprayed into the noses of monkeys, has proved effective in preventing infantile paralysis in 100 per cent. of cases.

Now the research workers are striving hard to perfect their attack in time for the deadly epidemic which strikes each summer.

### Robot Serviette

Blackpool, Mar. 15.

Hotels and boarding-houses here are adopting a new idea—the serviette pochette, or automatic serviette folder.

"This table 'gadget' has become all the rage on the Continent."

The pochettes ensure that guests will always receive their own serviettes. They can be supplied with the guest's name and address.

### Haile Selassie Loses Friend

Washington, Mar. 15.

The death is announced here to-day of Mr. Everett A. Colson, who, with General Virgin, the Swede, and a Swiss, was one of the principal advisers to the Emperor of Abyssinia during the Abyssinian War.—Reuters.

## RÁDIO BROADCAST

### Governor's Cup: Football Match Commentary

#### Z.E.K. PROGRAMME

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#### 12.30 A Variety Concert.

Organ Solo—Berceuse de Jocelyn (Goudard); Melody in F (Rubinstein). . . . Edward O'Henry; Vocal—When I grow too old to dream; Lovely to look at . . . Irene Dunne; Accordeon Solos—Sedibala; Bell Ringer . . . Maurice Alexander; Vocal—Oh! Leo; Rock and Roll . . . The American Elton Boys; Humorous—A Perfect Lady . . . Doris Palmer.

#### 1 p.m. Time and Weather.

#### 1.03 Creatore's Band.

Mefistofele—Prologue; Selections from Mefistofele (Böölo, arr. Creatore); "Travolta" — Selection (Verdi); "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Selection . . . (Mascagni).

#### 1.30 Reuter Press; Weather, Time and Announcements.

#### 1.40 p.m. The Russian Balalaika Orchestra.

Pass D'Espagne—Waltz; Down the Mother Volga; Russian Potpourri; Caucasus (Iwanoff); Polka "Ojra"; Rondo à la Turka (Mozart).

#### 2 p.m. Turner Layton in Songs at the Piano.

Alone again; I feel like a feather in the breeze; When a Mammy smiles; Lancashire Lass; A marriage has been arranged.

#### 2.15 p.m. Close Down.

4.10 The Governor's Cup. A running commentary by Frank V. Read on the football match between the Hongkong Football Association and the Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.

#### 5.45 Dance Music

Fox Trot—My Red Letter Day; I'm in a Dancing Mood; (Decca FG006) Serenade in the Night; When the Poppies Bloom Again; (Decca FG007) Lovely to Look at; I Won't Dance; (Decca FG044) Life Begins when You're in Love; I Feel like a Feather in the Breeze; (HMV BD 5042) Waltz—When You're in Love with someone (Parlo FG555).

#### 6.30 Grand Opera.

"Madame Butterfly" (Puccini)—And with His Heart So Heavy (Butterfly foretells Pinkerton's return "one fine day").

"Madame Butterfly" (Puccini)—Butterfly is alone with the faithful Suzuki, Rosina Buckman and Nellie Walker. HMV DB66.

"Der Rosenkavalier" Suite (R. Strauss, arr. Namburt)—Presentation of the Silver Rose, Victor 11217/8 Ochs' Waltz . . . Breakfast Scene and Trio—Closing Duet . . . Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra;

"La Bohème" (Puccini)—Ah! Mimi, false one . . . Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) and Giuseppe de Luca (Baritone).

"7 p.m. De Groot and His Concert Orchestra and Howard Jacobs (Saxophone)."

Orchestra—The Temple Bells (Amy Woodforde-Finden); Saxophone Solo At Dawn (Cadmam); Down in the Forest (Sir Landon Ronald); Orchestra—Les Millions d'Arlequin (Drigo); Old Spanish Song (Louis Alibert); Saxophone Solo—I love the moon (Rubens); From the Land of the Sky-Blue Water (Cadmam); Orchestra—The Waltz Dream—Selection (O. Strauss).

7.30 p.m. Lucienne Boyer (Soprano).

La Barque d'Yves (Tranchant); Ne dis pas toujours (Lenoir); Dans la fumée (Bog); Parlez-moi d'amour (Lenoir).

7.45 p.m. Harry Roy and His Tiger Ragamuffins.

Rockin' Chair; Georgia on my mind; Lazy Day; Sweet Sue, just you; Heevel Jebees; I wonder where my Baby is to-night; St. Louis Blues; Some of these days; Dixie; After you've gone; Nobody's sweet heart; Gershwin Fox-Trot Medley.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Relay from the Ko Shing Theatre (Chinese).

8.05 p.m. Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European Programmes from Z.R. on a Frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05 p.m. Peer Gyt Suite, No. 2, Op. 85 (Grieg); played by the New Light Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Eugene Goossens.

Ingrid's Jament; Arabian Dance; The return of Peer Gyt; Solveig's song.

8.22 p.m. Four Songs by Danny Malone (Tenor).

She is far from the land (Hughes); The dear little Shamrock (Jackson); Sweetheart, darlin' (Kahn) & Stolnitz); Love's Rose (Brooks).

8.35 p.m. Sonata in F Minor, Op. 120, No. 1 (Brahms), played by Lionel Tertis (Viola) and Harriet Cohen (Pianoforte).

1st. Movement—Allegro appassionato; 2nd Movement—Andante un poco adagio; 3rd. Movement—Allegretto grazioso; 4th Movement—Vivace.

8.45 p.m. London—News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. Quentin MacLean at the Cinema Organ.

Rhapsody in Blue (Gershwin, arr. MacLean); Free; Night must fall.

9.30 p.m. Variety.

Vocal—A little dash of Doubtless; Kiss me goodnight . . . Anna Neagle; Instrumental—Keyboard Kopers;

Mazur . . . Mario de Pietro (Mandolin); Vocal—With all my heart; Bird on the wing . . . Robert Ashley; Piano Solo—The Charm School—Selection; To beat the band—Selection . . . Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends; Vocal—Some of these days . . . The Mills Brothers.

10.30 p.m. Dance Hits of to-day.

# REVISION OF INTERPORT RULES ACCOMPLISHED

## COMMITTEE'S WORK TO BE STUDIED BY THE H.K.F.A. COUNCIL

### VEXATIOUS RULE 12 IS AMENDED

WELCOME news, brethren! The H.K.F.A.'s Interport sub-committee has completed its revision of the Interport rules; a matter of vital importance which has been allowed to lay dormant far too long. The proposed revisions will come before the next meeting of the F.A. Council, and I don't think there will be any strenuous opposition to them. That abominable Rule 12 caused the revisionists to ponder, I am told, but believe they have arrived at a fairly satisfactory conclusion. Henceforth there will be no residential qualification: right to represent either Shanghai or Hongkong will be determined by a player's status in the local league. A regular player in the Hongkong Football League will be regarded as eligible to represent the Colony, and this applies in like manner to Shanghai. The only snare likely to arise is the interpretation of the adjective "regular." How many games in one season does one have to play to become a regular player? Would a player qualify for this status if he played in four or five successive league matches prior to the Interport? What is the position of a player who plays consistently in the league for the first half of the season, is injured, and recovers just before the Interport without having played regularly in the interim?

#### An Alternative

MY own feeling is, that unless the H.K.F.A. and S.F.A. agree to definitions of this term "regular," it may cause just as many misunderstandings as the old rule which set down a very vaguely defined residential qualification. I still think it would be preferable, and probably more acceptable to Shanghai, if the qualification terms were something like the following:—A player is eligible to play for a Port in the Interport contests between Hongkong and Shanghai if he becomes a registered player of a club affiliated to the local Football Association at least one month prior to the Interport contest in any one season. Such a rule would do away with the necessity of mentioning residential status and at the same time would legislate against the inclusion of players who may have made business transfers from one port to the other just before an Interport. This too could be construed as a very fair definition of the word "regular," as it is reasonable to suggest that any player who appears in at least four successive matches prior to an Interport, is a regular player for his club.

#### Tientsin Eliminated

I gather it is suggested to confine the future rules of the Interport to Hongkong and Shanghai, with Tientsin excluded. The original rules made provision for any Port which cared to participate. But three years have passed since Tientsin took part in a triangular contest, and it

### Clubhouse Chatter By "Veritas"

is now proposed that Interports of that nature should be excluded. The amended rules mention specifically Hongkong and Shanghai and presumably will apply only to those ports and to Interports between them. I don't know why this has been done. Perhaps Shanghai suggested it. On the other hand if Shanghai didn't, Shanghai may object. Shanghai is in a unique position for staging Triangular Interports, and may not like to concede it. But the H.K.F.A. committee may feel that as Tientsin's participation in Triangular contests are so rare, it is not worth while taking the risk of a third party disputing a set of rules which have been agreed upon between two Associations.

#### Something Attempted

VARIOUS other rules, not involving any controversial principles, but which require bringing up to date, have also received the attention of the committee which appears to have accomplished its task in a creditable manner. At least something has been attempted; this in itself is sufficient to earn commendation.

### She Plays Football—At 68!

Plymouth. Anonymous letters are pouring in on 68-year-old Mrs. Alice Mary Skilton, of Turnchapel, near here, because she plays football for the Turnchapel women's team.

"I am annoyed at these letters, as some of them are most abusive," said Mrs. Skilton, "but I do not intend giving up the game, even if I receive 1,000 letters."

"I had never played football till last season, but I think it is a grand game."

"I'M YOUNG AGAIN".

Mrs. Skilton's appearance in the ranks of footballers followed her marriage three years ago.

"Before becoming a bride," she said, "I was a shy, retiring spinster. Marriage seemed to give me new life. I have become quite young again, and never felt fitter in my life."

#### Week-End Football In Hongkong

### NAVY NEED ONE POINT FOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

### Smart Display By S. China "B": Fusiliers Disappointing

Most important feature of the week-end league football in Hongkong was Navy getting within a point of the second division championship following two clear-cut victories of six-nil each over Royal Artillery (Stonecutters) and Chinese Police.

With two more matches to play, Navy require but a single point to retain the title they won last season. South China "A" made no doubt about their encounter with the Club, winning 5-nil to take over the first division leadership on goal average.

Club de Recreio caused the biggest surprise of the day by beating the Fusiliers, leaders of the third division by four goals to one. Fusiliers' position, however, is not particularly jeopardised, as with 38 points from 22 matches, they top R.A.C.C., who have 33 points from 21 games.

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tion. The Council will have plenty of opportunity for studying and discussing the recommended revisions. It is possible that some will meet with general approval. In one case at least, there seems to be room for improvement. But on the whole the amendments should be well received, and if Shanghai sees eye to eye with them, a progressive piece of work will have been accomplished.

### DOUGHTY DEEDS IN DIVISION 2 CRICKET

#### PRATA UNLUCKY

Some doughty deeds were performed in second division cricket on Saturday. That well-known bowling combination, Pope and Baker of the Police—ran through the Civil Service team, which included Frank Lawrence the former K.C.C. player.

Pope bowled 12 overs, 2 maidens, captured 7 wickets for 39 runs, while his colleague Baker sent down 68 balls, conceded 24 runs and took three wickets.

Thereafter the Police scored freely and won the match by nine wickets after Carey had been dismissed for nine. Stephens made a good 42, and Tommy Hunter a creditable 17. Afterwards Loughlin, Pope and Dambrowsky were each dismissed without scoring.

A. M. Prata made a great effort for Club de Recreio against the Indian Recreation Club, hitting up 92 out of 177, and being unlucky to miss his century. Recreio scored so freely that they were able to declare at 108 for 8, Mendonca giving Prata excellent aid with a forceful knock of 43.

Indians were afterwards saved by A. S. Sufflad, who stayed long enough to hit up 53 out of 87. E. L. Gosano bowled so brilliantly in the first part of the Indians' innings, that it seemed he would go through the side. His first five overs yielded three maidens, three runs and four wickets, but M. R. Abbas and A. A. Aziz hit him about and finally Gosano had figures of 6 for 32. Indians had to bat desperately to avoid defeat and at the close had scored 125 for the loss of eight wickets.

For most part the experiment has been regarded as a success. It may not have produced all the benefits expected by its advocates, which include a marked decrease in pad-play and revival of off-side strokes, but neither has it caused the disasters predicted by its enemies which included forced games on sticky wickets, with five appeals on over and a multitude of bad decisions.

The best of umpires declare that they have found little difficulty in carrying out their new duties.

Those who will vote on the matter have had ample opportunity to make a decision, for the views of the county captains and all other prominent first-class cricketers have already been made widely known.

Craigengower made a confident start when they batted first and two wickets realised 60 runs. Then Sargent was brought on and after having 10 runs knocked off him, proceeded to play havoc with the batsmen.

In 1.5 overs he obtained four wickets for three runs. His final analysis was 4 for 22. He had several of the batsmen mistiming their strokes against his quickly turning leg breaks, and he also kept a fine length.

A. Zimmern was top scorer for Craigengower, and he made some nice shots as well as a few "edgy" ones. Gobind batted more resolutely and drove strongly for many of his 31 runs. Omar was a sound, watchful knock, though he exhibited some good strokes.

K.C.C. made light of Craigengower attack in the early stages of their innings. F. A. Broadbridge opened and hit up 20. Gray followed and made 22. Then followed a brief reprieve, when three wickets went down very cheaply to W. Ripley, whose left-hand round-the-wicket deliveries had the batsmen puzzled. Later there was more free hitting and contributions of 24 by Hall, 23 by Sargent and 10 by Dand allowed K.C.C. to amass 140.

Ripley's 4 for 44 was the result of some excellent bowling. At one time he had taken 10 wickets, but was hit about towards the close.



Kowloon Chinese forward makes a spectacular but unsuccessful leap for the ball in yesterday's league match with South China "B." Tong Kwan, South China full back is stooping down. (Photo Ming Yuen).

### THE L.B.W. (N.) RULE

#### SOME CONSIDERED THOUGHTS

An official notice to members of the Marylebone Cricket Club published recently states that the question of altering the L.B.W. Rule, is to be discussed at the annual meeting of the club at Lord's on May 5.

The meeting will be made a special general meeting to consider the alteration of Law 24. The effect of such alteration, if carried, would be that the striker shall be out to a ball which, pitching on the off-side of the striker's wicket, would have hit the wicket had it not been intercepted by part of the striker's person (except his hand) which part was between wicket and wicket at the moment of impact.

The experimental L.B.W. Rule has been in operation in English cricket during the last two seasons, and is now being followed in Australia.

The London Observer's Cricket Correspondent writes:

In order for the proposed change to be brought in the laws of the game, there must be a majority of two-thirds in its favour when the question comes before the members of the M.C.C.

The suggested alteration has been in force as an experimental measure in English first-class cricket for two seasons. It was accepted by the South Africans and the West Indies when they came to this country on their last tour, and it has been in operation in the present series of matches in Australia.

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### T. T. Race To Be Held In England

#### ULSTER BAN

The Royal Automobile Club's Tourist Trophy motor race will not be held over the Ards (Ulster) Course this year. Down County Council, having voted by 17 to three against it.

Mr. J. M. Andrews, Ulster Labour Minister, who represents Comber, took the lead in opposing the event.

"I cannot forget the appalling tragedy which occurred during last year's race, and which might occur again to a greater or lesser extent," he stated.

This was a reference to the death of eight persons caused by one of the competing cars crashing into the crowds watching the race.

"We ought not to ignore the large volume of opinion which is opposed to holding the race this year."

"I think we shall all be in agreement that the question of compensation is still unsettled."

### BRIGHT BATTING AT CLUB

#### 145 Runs In 90 Minutes

### ANDERSON CENTURY

THOUGH Donald Anderson

earned high honours for his splendid knock of 113 for Kowloon against Hongkong in a two-day cricket match which started on Saturday, it was H. B. Neve who carried off the prize for the most attractive batting display of the day.

Neve's 62 was a sparkling effort, especially praiseworthy in its earlier stages when R. Lee was getting some "lift" out of the pitch and had Anderson thoroughly despondent. Neve's forward play revealed his skill in timing and rarely did he look uncomfortable. Anything short of a good length or over-pitched he smote lustily without losing accuracy in placement. The innnings ranks as his best to date in Hongkong.

Anderson recovered nicely after a very hesitant opening. Lee morally bowled him twice and the batsman all but put the ball into Madar's hands all the time. When he had obtained measure of Lee and accustomed himself to the wicket, the K.C.C. player opened out into his best style and helped Neve to put on 145 for the first wicket in 90 minutes, before lunch. Minu Lee, Owen-Hughes and Holden were all treated in a cavalier fashion by these two dashing batsmen and when the tiffin interval was taken, Kowloon looked safe to top the 300 mark.

#### WHITMARSH GETS AMONG THE WICKETS

But after the adjournment wickets toppled before Whitmarsh, who bowled a fine length and Madar, who made them turn appreciably. All of the colour went out of the Mainland's batting, and only Anderson, who went on to score 113, Garthwaite, who was polished in his knock of 32, and Baxter, who stroked prettily for 13, looked like getting runs.

During the afternoon, Kowloon lost an additional nine wickets for 149 runs. Whitmarsh not only disposed of Anderson, but clean bowled Mackay, Gosano and McLean in rapid succession, while he got Pritchard caught behind the wicket, finishing up with an analysis of 5 for 38 in 13 overs, four of which were maidens.

It must be said, however, that Kowloon were then out to score quick runs.

Madar obtained some of the middle wickets such as Baxter and Garthwaite and finished off the innings by having Goodwin caught, his figures being three for 15 in 41 overs.

If Teddy Flaner hadn't dropped.

Richardson and Mackay had held a chance offered by Zimmern, Hong Kong would have lost two very cheap wickets before close of play. But both offers were refused, and the Island XI went on to score 03 for the loss of one wicket.

Garthwaite disturbed Richardson's stumps with a magnificent delivery after the opening batsmen had put on 38. Thereafter Zimmern and Owen-Hughes played out time, stamping being drawn shortly after 5.45 owing to bad light.

The game will be resumed this morning, and although Kowloon are favourably placed, Hongkong has a good chance of saving the game.

### HAPPY EVE TO WIN BIG EVENT AT THE RACE MEETING TO-DAY

(By "Captain Foster")

The Easter racing carnival concludes at Happy Valley to-day with a programme of ten events, the chief of which is the Easter Stakes. My nomination to win this race is Happy Eve, with King's Warden and Bear Claw to offer chief opposition.

My selections follow.

#### SUGAR LOAF HANDICAP

Thunder Bay

Rob Roy

Commencement Bay

#### BROKEN HILL HANDICAP

Strathroy

Electron

Gypsy Love

#### KELLETT HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Tyne

Soldier of Peace

#### EASTER STAKES

Happy Eve

King's Warden

Bear Claw

#### MORRISON HILL HANDICAP

Red Feather

Rosa-Queen

King's Lead

#### COOLGARDIE HANDICAP

Courting Eve

Strathcarrick

Such Fun

#### BOA VISTA HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Plain View

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SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 10th April, 1937, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 1st April, 1937.

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# WILD ICE HOCKEY CROWD Rain Of Missiles On The Rink

(By George Graham)

London, Mar. 2.  
A crowd of 10,000 spectators of the Ice Hockey World Championship match between Great Britain and Canada, became hysterical at the Harringay Arena last night.

Three minutes before the end of the game, the hostile crowd, roused to fury by an injury to a British player, showered orange peel, tins and newspapers upon the ice.

Frantic appeals for silence, unheard by the boozing crowd, were made. The crowd was shouting for the referee.

A threat to end the game had no effect and together with officials, coaches and players, spectators began to invade the ice.

The roar went on and things were still thrown on to the ice, but it all ceased when the band stood up and began to play the National Anthem.

The stir among the crowd was the strain of "God Save the King" was played out was dramatic. Everyone stood to attention and there was a murmur. After that the game proceeded.

Canada won by three goals to nil. There were 12 penalties during the game.

England were two goals down when Kelly and Goble clashed in a heavy body check in mid-ice. The latter went to stop play, and Brenchley, the England winger, skated up to the group and received a blow which pushed his face under an eye. Bleeding profusely he left the ice, and it was then that the crowd went mad.

## S O S FOR DOCTOR

At the end of the game an appeal was broadcast for a doctor to go to the England dressing room. He had to insert two stitches in a cut which Brenchley had received.

Canada's first goal was scored two minutes from the end of the first period.

The second came half way through the second period from Redding, who also scored Canada's third a minute from the end.

Gordon Dalley, England's acting captain, revealed that the whole England team had asked for a change of referees prior to the game, but officials had refused their request.

An official of the British Ice Hockey Association said after the match that had the refereeing been more decisive some of the unpleasant scenes would have been avoided.

## REFEREE CHASED

One of the referees was chased by a crowd of angry spectators down the corridors of the stadium, and took refuge in the restaurant, outside which a strong guard of commissioners was posted.

The second game of the evening between Czechoslovakia and France was referred by different officials. Halfway through the second period of the second game a woman spectator was knocked unconscious by a flying puck, but recovered after receiving medical attention.

Hundreds who failed to gain admission rushed the entrances and doors and windows were smashed.

Many of the 11,000 spectators had been queuing outside the Arena for eight hours and at six o'clock two queues stretched right round the building.

A special force of police, concealed in the car park in case of emergency, soon restored order when the doors were rushed.

A crowd of more than 8,000 waited outside to hear the result.

## TO-DAY'S HANDICAPS ANNOUNCED BY JOCKEY CLUB

WINNERS  
BARRED

Handicaps for to-day's racing are announced by the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Apilas and Potentate, winners at Saturday's meeting, are automatically barred from the Sugar Loaf Handicap and Morrison Hill Handicap.

St. Joseph's, 2 R.W. Fusiliers

"B" Class, respectively.

The handicaps are as follows:

Sugar Loaf Handicap, (1½ Miles).

Centre Forward (161), Commencement (162), Firefly (140), Good Morning (155), King's Coronation (154), Rob Roy (161), Royal Mail (161), Scene View (151), Thunder Bay (161) and Tim (140).

Kellett Handicap, "C" Class, First

Section, (Two Mile Post, Once round and in)—Bistre (149), Pontine Bay (154), Soldier of China (156), Soldier of Peace (156) and Tyne (148).

Kellett Handicap, "C" Class, Second Section—Flybynight (143), Monoplane (145), Night View (145), Royal Highness (162), Tiny Star (156) and Yulan (168).

Morrison Hill Handicap, "B" Class, (Six Furlongs)—Dawn Star (161), Expansion Time (168), Harvest View (161), King's Justice (140), King's Lead (160), Mistake Bay (168), New Star (156), Red Feather (156), Rose Queen (155), Soldier of Honour (161) and Thunder Bay (154).

Coolgardie Handicap, (Six Furlongs)—Great Time (157), Best That (140), Boronia Belle (145), Bravado (140), Courting Eve (163), Lanzillo (140), Lianggolen (157), Roefly (140), Solerina (148), Strathcarrick (157), Such Fun (145), The Right Time (150) and Twilight Star (150).

Bos Vista Handicap, "D" Class, First Section, (Six Furlongs)—Diogenes (161), Gold Coin (150), Gold Sovereign (160), Laughing Girl (168), Miracle (162), Mountain View (140), Plain View (160), Pride of Tsingtao (155), 17th of September (140), The Hero (140), Valorous (163), Victoria Hall (147), Wild Cat (165) and Zero (147).

Bos Vista Handicap, "D" Class, Second Section, (Six Furlongs)—Araxy (143), Atomic Star (145), Copper Idol (155), Coronation Day (159), Don (162), Donovan (162), Emergency Call (140), Feudal Knight (140), Elephant (140), Lancashire Tich (144), Pagan Love (165), Philander (158) and Racing Boy (162).

Royal Navy (21), R. Engineers (16), R. Fusiliers (21), R. Seaforth Hdsrs. (16), R. Ulster Rifles (16), R.A. Lyemun (16), R.A. Fusiliers (16), Royal Navy (16), R.C. Scutlers (16), South China (16), Chinese Police (16), R. Royal Navy (16).

League Table

P. W. D. L. F. A. P. S.

S. China "A" 21 12 5 3 50 21 31

R. Ulster R. 21 14 3 4 53 23 31

S. China "B" 21 11 5 5 45 29 27

R.W. Fusiliers 21 10 5 0 42 28 25

Seaforth H. 20 11 3 6 42 33 26

St. Joseph's 22 11 3 8 40 32 21

Eastern Ath. 20 8 4 8 30 30 22

H.K.F.C. 22 9 0 11 41 41 16

Kowloon F.C. 22 7 3 12 22 44 17

Athletic . . . . . 18 4 8 30 42 10

Kln. Chinese . . . . . 22 5 12 24 42 12

H.K.P.C. 21 5 15 27 54 12

Division I

Goals

Royal Navy . . . . . 21 12 1 12 20 44

R.W. Fusiliers 22 10 4 2 73 20 30

R. Engineers 22 15 1 6 63 30 31

South China . . . . . 24 13 5 6 60 36 31

Seaforth H. . . . . 21 13 4 4 58 30 27

R. Ulster R. 22 12 3 7 67 38 27

Chinese Police 23 7 3 13 36 35 17

Kowloon F.C. 21 7 1 13 34 53 15

Athletic . . . . . 23 7 1 15 28 21 15

R.A. Scutlers 22 5 4 13 32 63 14

H.K.P.C. . . . . 22 3 3 10 33 91 10

Division II

Goals

Royal Navy . . . . . 24 21 2 1 12 20 44

R.W. Fusiliers 22 16 4 2 73 20 30

R. Engineers 22 15 1 6 63 30 31

South China . . . . . 24 13 5 6 60 36 31

Seaforth H. . . . . 21 13 4 4 58 30 27

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Kowloon F.C. 21 7 1 13 34 53 15

Athletic . . . . . 23 7 1 15 28 21 15

R.A. Scutlers 22 5 4 13 32 63 14

H.K.P.C. . . . . 22 3 3 10 33 91 10

Division III

Goals

Royal Navy . . . . . 22 18 2 2 02 19 38

R.A.O.C. . . . . 21 16 1 4 58 16 33

R.W. Fusiliers . . . . . 21 15 2 4 60 35 32

Seaforth H. . . . . 21 14 2 5 70 27 30

R.A.M.C. . . . . 20 13 1 6 50 33 27

Kwong Wah . . . . . 21 10 5 6 60 42 25

R.A.F. . . . . 20 11 2 7 40 41 24

Recreio . . . . . 20 9 1 10 45 38 19

R. Engineers . . . . . 21 7 1 13 45 50 13

R.A.S.C. . . . . 21 5 3 12 26 51 13

St. Joseph's . . . . . 20 6 2 12 27 69 8

Kumon R. . . . . 21 4 0 17 32 105 8

Police (E.) . . . . . 21 3 1 17 25 76 5

Police (C.) . . . . . 18 2 1 15 18 63 5

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Total Singles . . . . . 11½

Total Blanks . . . . . 4½

Total Goals . . . . . 10½

Total Blanks . . . . . 10½

Total . . . . . 18

"Telegraph's" fictionisation of the Warner Bros. film now showing at the King's Theatre.

# THE CHARGE of the LIGHT BRIGADE

## CHAPTER I

Seated, cross-legged on a huge silken ottoman, Surat Khan, Amir of Suristan, looked across the audience hall of his palace at the approaching British officers. There was a bland smile on his face, a smile that did not reveal the curiously he felt toward the four men in blue dress uniforms. His eyes did not tell his inner thoughts—but did not reveal that he was perfectly aware these officers had come to tell him that the British government would no longer pay him the yearly bribe of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds under the treaty which he ended with the death of his father.

The officers were not smiling. They were ill at ease as they made their way toward the ottoman, looking around them at the gorgeous palace, listening to the native music to the strains of which naught girls danced sinuously. Even Sir Humphrey Harcourt, the queen's envoy, was a little nervous. Captain Geoffrey Vickers and Cornets Randall and Pearson of the 27th Lancers were more than nervous—they were overwhelmed by their surroundings.

The court interpreter spoke.

"His Highness, Surat Khan, offers a prayer of gratitude that you have been preserved in your journey and placed his household and all in it at the disposal of the illustrious envoy of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria."

Sir Humphrey bowed: "May I extend Her Majesty's warmest greetings?" he asked.

The Khan rose, saluted gracefully and descended from the dais, extending his jewelled sword, and Sir Humphrey touched it in the oriental acknowledgment of friendship.

The Khan was still smiling as, in a secluded alcove, he motioned Sir Humphrey to a chair. "It seems then, that negotiations have brought no results?" he said.

"Regrettable as it is, we must bear in mind that the treaty by which your father received annual appreciation for his extraordinary services automatically ceased to exist on the occasion of his death," Sir Humphrey said.

The Khan's eyebrows went up. "For myself, I shall do my humble best to accept, with grace, this sudden and seemingly capricious withdrawal of support," he said. "I shall also, of course, endeavour to convince the Nawabs and Maliks of Suristan that the action of the British Government is not to be construed as unfriendly, to insure their natural sentiment and to curb any active reprisals they might so easily contemplate."

Sir Humphrey cleared his throat. "I am confident your highness, praiseworthy efforts will be rewarded—with success," he said.

"Confidence is an admirable quality, Sir Humphrey," the Khan said and now he wasn't smiling. "Wo-so-soldom appreciate it fully—until it is withdrawn."

Sir Humphrey was smiling as the border chieftain spoke. So certain was he that his mission had been successful, that he failed to catch the undertone of bitterness and hatred in Surat Khan's last remark. He was bubbling with happiness when he rejoined his friends.

"Fine fellow, the Khan," Sir Humphrey said. "There's a man can take a thing or two with some grace. The fellow's a gentleman."

"Quite right, Sir," Geoffrey said, but from his tone one could tell he did not agree with Sir Humphrey. He had lived too long in Northern India to trust a border potentate.

Beside a broad expanse of river on a sunbaked plain, in northern India stood the garrison of Chukotli, one of Britain's farthest flung outposts. Over the fort the guidon of the 27th Lancers rippled in the tired breeze. The company of lancers, led by Captain Vickers, quickened its pace as it approached the fort and the tired men were smiling as the big gales swung open and they rode into the compound.

"Dismiss," Geoffrey ordered as they reached the stables. He tossed his reins to an orderly and strode across the compound, smiling at the native women and children who were sitting in the sun outside the mud huts. He had stopped smiling as he entered the commandant's office, and stood at attention in front of the desk at which sat Colonel Woodward, Commander of the 27th, an elderly man of military bearing.

"I have to report the return of the escort. All present and correct," he said.

Colonel Woodward looked up. "Sit down, won't you? Tell me what really happened—unofficially."

"You haven't been on the frontier for seven years without understanding Surat Khan and the temper of the Suristani tribes. Do you share Sir Humphrey's optimism over his an—success?"

Geoffrey hesitated. Then he said: "Frankly, no, sir. Sir Humphrey is a fine diplomat—an expert at coaxing bitter pills—but..."

Colonel Woodward was thoughtful. "Hm—It will take the Khan between seven and eight weeks to organise the Suristans."

"At least," Geoffrey said.

Colonel Woodward banged the table with his fist. "Insufferable," he said.

Geoffrey looked puzzled. But that will provide us with ample time to prepare."

"Us," Colonel Woodward almost shouted. "Us. For twelve years I've commanded these men, trained 'em, nursed 'em, taught 'em to fight. And now there's a prospect of a thundering good scrap—the war office decides to transfer me to a Staff Billet at Army Headquarters."

Geoffrey looked sympathetic.

"It is discouraging," he said.

"Discouraging? It's enough to break a fellow's heart." He sat down heavily and sighed, "but that's the life of a soldier." He sighed again and picked up a paper. "Oh—by the way, Vickers—orders came during your convoy duty. They're transferring you also. I'm sorry, my boy."

Geoffrey took the paper from his superior officer. "Where to?"

"You're to report for duty to Sir Charles Macfield."

There was a ring of joy in Geoffrey's voice. "Calcutta," he almost shouted.

He saw in his mind's eye the beautiful face of Elsa Campbell—the Scottish girl to whom he had become engaged before leaving England. He remembered an evening when they had roamed together just before the gloaming—hawthorns in bloom—the West golden-larks rising from the green fields—vanishing in the sky—floating up—up till they could be seen no more—and flooding earth with their radiant song. To think of Elsa was to see all that—and more—and Elsa would be waiting at Calcutta to welcome him—Elsa would be in his arms again—her lips pressed to his lips—her brown eyes heavy with tears—tears of happiness to be with him once again—if only for a little while.

"Good heavens, man," Colonel Woodward said in amazement.

"You seem positively pleased."

"Pleased—why, I couldn't be happier, sir. You see, Colonel Campbell's there and I'm—"

"Oh, yes." Light dawned for the colonel. "You are engaged to his daughter. It's an ill wind. Boy. A Chota Peg."

In a luxuriant garden in Calcutta, a young girl and a young officer sat by a fountain looking into each other's eyes. The girl was Elsa Campbell, and she was lovelier than the garden. The young officer was Lieutenant Perry Vickers, Geoffrey's brother.

The girl spoke. "But, Perry," she said. "Why was it so urgent for me to meet you?"

"Answer me one question first and then I'll tell you," he replied.

"What?"

"Do you love me?"

Elsa was startled by the abruptness of the question. "Of course, Perry—I'm very, very fond of you."

"That's no answer," Perry said, taking her hands. "Do you love me as I love you? Does everything else stop when I come into the room?"

Elsa looked at him wonderingly. "Perry—I never knew you this way."

Perry's arm went around her waist. "Yes you did. Darling, we have both known for a long time—only we've both tried desperately to

rouse the border tribes against England. He hoped, by this show of friendliness, to prevent the Suristans from opening hostilities. He believed in peace at any price.

Geoffrey was there and so was Elsa and so was Perry. Perry and Elsa met in the conservatory.

"Darling, how I love you," Perry said, as he took Elsa in his arms.

Elsa tried to be loyal to her fiance,

"It's wrong," she said.

"Wrong to be in love," Perry said hotly. "Let us face the truth. We

hide our love because of Geoff—but that couldn't alter anything—it's there. You do love me—your eyes cannot tell the truth, whatever you try to tell me." She was close to him now and her lips were on his.

"Oh, Perry," Elsa cried as she drew away from him. "I've tried—so hard not to—but I do love you."

Perry's voice was triumphant. "I know it—I knew it—nothing can ever take this away from us. Not even—"

Elsa's eyes lighted with sudden fear. "Not even what?"

Perry spoke softly. "Geoffrey arrived in Calcutta—to-day."

Elsa seemed stunned by the news.

"Geoffrey—he?"

"Word came through this afternoon," Perry went on. "Naturally it would tell me. That's why it was so urgent for me to see you."

There was reproach in Elsa's voice. "Perry—you should have told me this before—before what happened just now."

"What difference would that have made? We have facts to face. I'm not ashamed of our love."

"We'll still be engaged to Geoffrey," Elsa cried.

"I'll tell him," Perry said. "I mean, I'll tell him. It's my responsibility. He will understand. I know he will. He's a great person. Elsa, and he's human. He won't stand in our way."

"But supposing he doesn't understand—what then?" Elsa was doubtful.

"I still must tell him—it's the only decent thing to do," Perry said. "And again he kissed her. "I'll tell him after the ball to-night. He'll be there."

Geoffrey was at the ball given at the government house by the Governor-General, Sir Charles Macfield, in honor of Surat Khan. Everyone of importance in Calcutta was there because the ball was a gesture of friendliness on Sir Charles' part toward the Khan. Sir Charles knew that there was trouble brewing in the Crimea between Russia and England, France and Turkey, and that Russian agents were attempting to rouse the border tribes against England. He hoped, by this show of friendliness, to prevent the Suristans from opening hostilities. He believed in peace at any price.

Geoffrey was there and so was Elsa and so was Perry. Perry and Elsa met in the conservatory.

"Darling, how I love you," Perry said, as he took Elsa in his arms.

Elsa tried to be loyal to her fiance,

"It's wrong," she said.

Geoffrey stood up. "I don't think you know what you're saying." His

voice was hard.

"I do," Perry said softly. "We tried not to, Geoff. Honestly we did."

Geoffrey was deadly calm. "I see—and might I ask what you intend to do? Has she promised to marry you?"

"Not in so many words."

"Splendid!" Geoffrey had lost his temper. "Behind my back my brother tries to steal the one thing I love most in the world—not content with that, when he fails he comes to me and lies."

"I can't believe that," Perry

"was angry now. "Believe—get out. Take your dirty diplomatic intrigues elsewhere—but get out of my sight and stay out."

Perry turned away from the colonel and spoke deliberately to Elsa. "I shall see you again before you leave for Chukotli."

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Perry shrugged. "Nothing, sir."

He turned on his heel and went into the ballroom.

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"Glad you came in and waited," Geoffrey said, his voice warm with affection.

"I find to," Perry said.

"I might have missed you completely," Geoffrey sat on the edge of his cot, grinning at his brother.

"I'm off again to-morrow."

"Going back with the Campbells to Chukotli?"

Geoffrey shook his head. "No. Worse luck. Macfield sent for me to buy horses in Arabia and the north country. We'll need good uns and plenty of 'em."

Perry frowned. "Sounds like trouble in the Balkans," he said.

"That's my guess, too. I tried to sound out Macfield but he shut up like an oyster."

Geoffrey stood up. "I don't think you know what you're saying."

On the cot beside his brother. "Something has happened—something serious."

Geoffrey lit his pipe. "What?"

"I've fallen in love with Elsa."

Perry's voice was very quiet.

"Oh," Geoffrey said and then he added with utmost sympathy. "I'm sorry. How rotten for you."

Perry didn't stop. "And—Elsa is in love with me."

Geoffrey stood up. "I don't think you know what you're saying."

(To be Concluded.)

love each other. We always will."

Elsa turned white. Over Perry's shoulder she saw her father.

In a voice of suppressed rage, Colonel Campbell spoke. "Elsa—you will be good enough to return to the ballroom," he said. He turned to Perry. "You will, of course, inform your brother of your treachery."

Perry flushed. "He knows me too well to accuse me of treachery," he said.

"That is his business," Colonel Campbell spoke sharply. Mine is to see that my daughter is not pestered by your attentions."

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"Determined not to hurt him, Elsa lied. "Of course not," she said. "How long will you be away?"

"A month—who knows? But the very moment I get back, then watch out for the matrimonial fireworks. Is that to illady's illic?"

Else tried to hide her emotions.

"Perfectly," she said.

Geoffrey took her in his arms and kissed her. "I must be going in a moment—but there's something—it's silly—but Perry came to see me last night."

Elsa's body was faint. "Well."

"He's in love with you, Elsa."

Her answer came in a rush. "You mustn't take him seriously—he's young and impressionable."

Geoffrey's smile was one of relief. "I knew it. He's angry now and I hurt him but that will pass and he'll be the best man at our wedding, won't he, darling?"

Her end was gone.

"Yes," she said softly. He kissed her and was gone.

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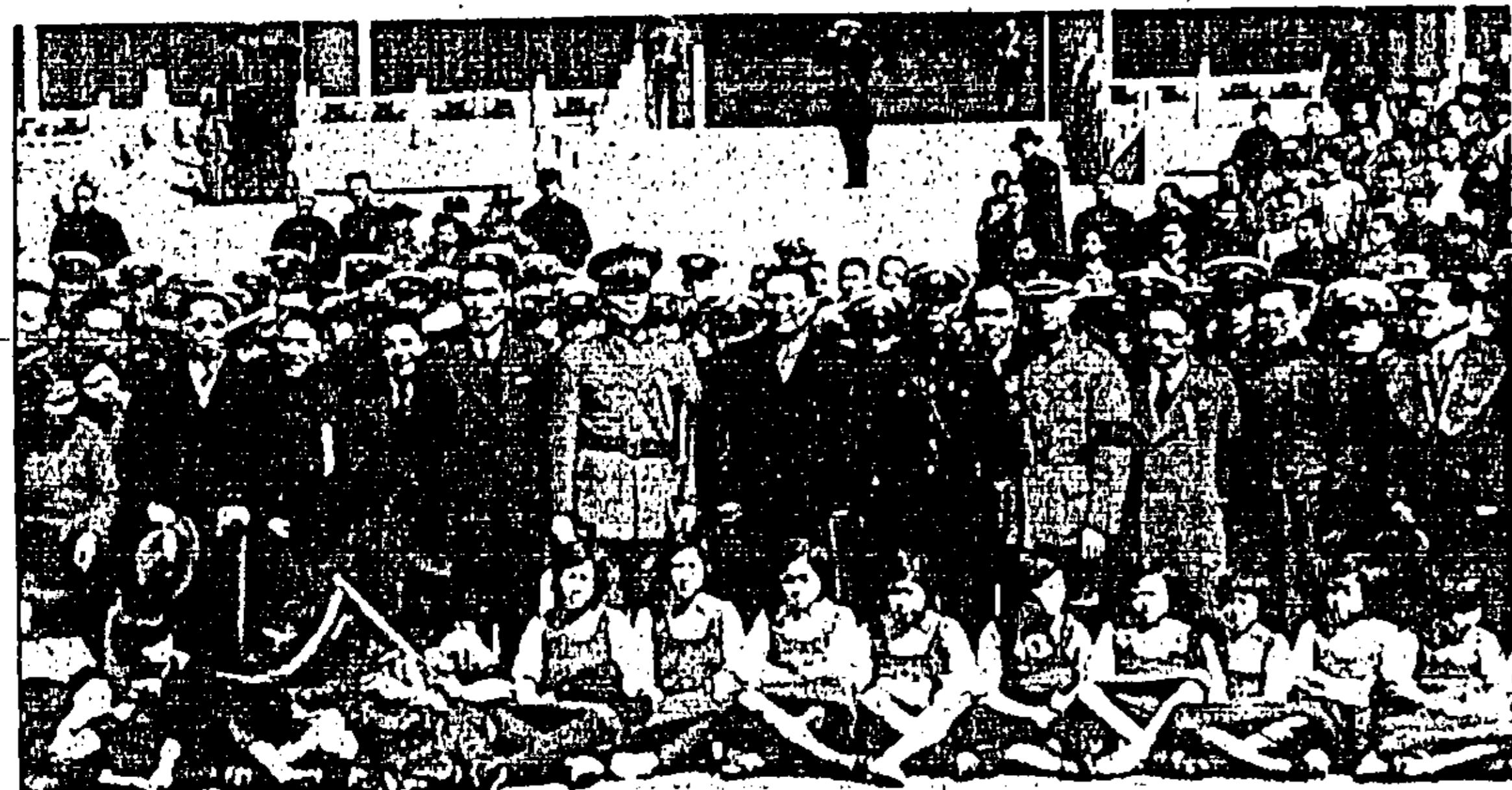
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**HAPPENINGS  
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Led by Mr. K. Kodama, former President of the Yokohama Specie Bank, the Japanese Economic Mission, consisting of 14 of the Island Empire's leading bankers, industrialists and shippers, arrived in Shanghai last week aboard the N.Y.K. steamer Nagasaki Maru.



More than 600 Chinese officials, representatives from public bodies and student representatives participated in the meeting held under the auspices of the Shanghai City Government in commemoration of the 12th anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the Founder of the Republic of China. After speech-making in the auditorium of the Shanghai City Government the Tree-Planting Song was sung and many trees were planted by those attending the meeting in keeping with the "Principle of Livelihood" advocated by the late leader.



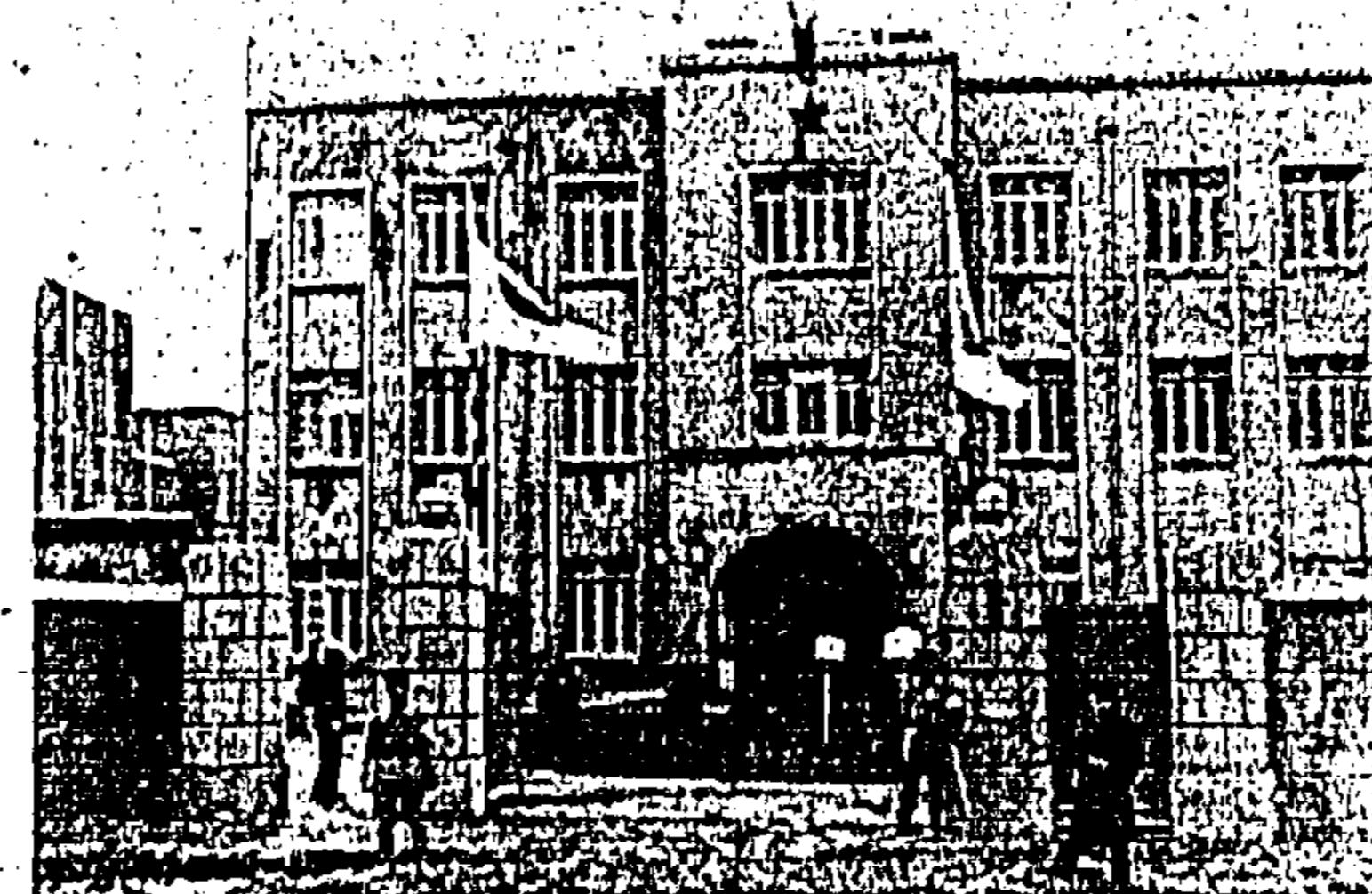
A very interesting wedding took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai. Miss Valentina Victoria Gaeckik-Romanchik, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaeckik-Romanchik, of Vilna, Poland, became the bride of Mr. Kenneth Stuart Mackenzie, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mackenzie, of London.

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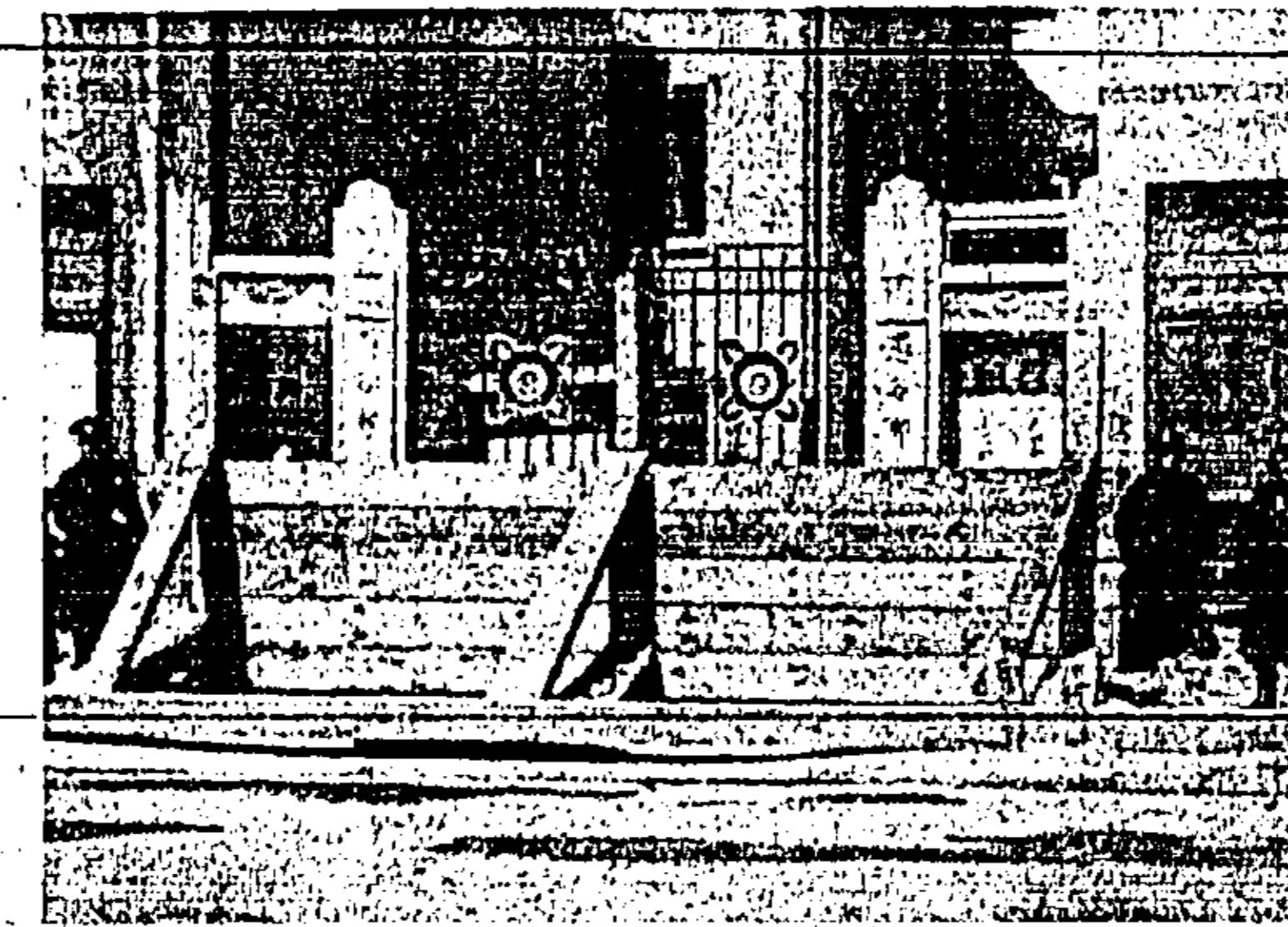
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Elaborate ceremonies were conducted in Shanghai recently in connection with the opening of the new offices of the Military Attaché to the Japanese Embassy in China. The new building is shown above.



The party of 62 Rotarians in a goodwill tour of the Orient from Australia arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong aboard the s.s. Scharnhorst and were warmly welcomed by a delegation from the Shanghai Rotary Club. Our picture shows, second from left, Mr. Angus Mitchell, leader of the tour, Mr. Hans Berents, President of the Shanghai Club. At extreme right is shown Mr. E. Walter, another one of the visitors.



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## "DEFEND HAINAN ISLD. AT ALL COSTS"

### Nanking Newspaper Urges Big Move To Safeguard Land

Nanking, Mar. 15. Because of its strategic importance and great economic potentialities, Hainan Island, China's largest insular possession off southern Kwangtung, must be defended at all costs, declared the *Hsin Chin Jih Pao*, or the *New Capital Daily*, in a leading article entitled "Defend Hainan Island" this morning.

Since the Paikhoi incident, the paper said, Hainan Island has attracted both national and international attention. In Japan, the island is regarded as the best base for her southward policy. Therefore, during the Paikhoi trouble a number of youthful Japanese army officers asked the Foreign Office and the Japanese Navy why the island was not occupied outright.

Whereupon a large number of Japanese men-of-war were despatched to Haikou, the most important commercial harbour in northern Hainan Island, which is situated at the neck of the Hainan Strait directly east of the Bay of Tonkin. Meanwhile, one of the demands the Japanese Gaimusho made on China last year was the right to station troops at ports along the Yangtze River and on Hainan Island.

Although Japan's demands and activities regarding the island have so far proved fruitless, they have revealed her aggressive ambitions which, the paper said, should be reason enough for Chinese worries. The geographic importance of the island coupled with Japan's coveting glances has awakened the Chinese people themselves to the paramountcy of the southern island.

During the last few months, there have been much talk about developing Hainan Island. Last November, Mr. T. V. Soong, executive member of the National Economic Council and chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of China, personally undertook a trip to the island to map out plans for its economic development.

#### FOURFOLD PROGRAMME

In January, the Kwangtung provincial reconstruction department drafted a four-stage development programme for the island. Then the Chinese chamber of commerce in Hongkong approached various circles in Canton and Shanghai to organise an Industrial Investigation party to the island. Meanwhile reports have been received of the organisation of a \$1,000,000 company by Chinese in Mukden also meant for the opening up of the island.

All these go to prove that the importance of Hainan Island has been generally realised by the Chinese people, the paper said.

Hainan Island is not only rich in natural resources—but also occupies a unique place in China's national defence. The Yulin harbour in the southern tip of the island is by nature an ideal naval base. It is also the first port of call for ships coming to the Far East from Europe. Then along the northeastern coast of the island is another good harbour named Tsinglin. These two harbours are bound to play an important part in

Japan as AGGRESSOR

Continuing, the paper said, while neither Great Britain nor France, despite the close relationship of Hainan Island with their possessions in the Far East, is entertaining any territorial designs, the same thing cannot be said of Japan. The latter not only wants to seize the natural resources of the island but also intends to turn the island into a naval base for the execution of her southward policy.

With Hainan Island in her control, Japan expects to deal a death blow to Hongkong and at the same time to cut off China's oceanic communication with the outside world. The ultimate aim of Japan's plan to seize Hainan Island is to dominate the whole South China.

LEAVE NOTHING UNDONE

Since Hainan Island stands in such a danger of being snatched by Japan, China must leave nothing undone to defend it. On the one hand it is hoped that every one of the 3,000,000 inhabitants of the island can be trained to become soldiers and producers, strengthening their positions for the defence of China's territorial sovereignty.

On the other hand, the paper expressed the hope that the Central Government and financial groups in China will adopt a positive programme for the economic development of the island. The building of railways and the opening of harbours should be important parts of any such programme, which is indispensable to the defence of the island against foreign aggression as well as to the retention of China's sovereignty over the island.—Central News.

INCREASING prosperity in the world is bad news for Japan.

Her ability to undercut other nations is going fast; she is threatened with financial crisis.

Supremacy in the cotton trade is being gained by Lancashire, which is becoming stronger as the prosperity wave rolls on.

Here are the facts in this paradox of international trade—

Commodity prices are rising. Raw cotton has increased in price by 15 per cent. in the last year, by 50 per cent. in the last four years.

Other commodities have increased in price much more. Cocoa, for example, has more than doubled in price.

#### NATIVES' BICYCLES

This increase in price is spread out. Natives on cotton plantations in India or Egypt and on cotton plantations in Africa, and all the other millions of workers producing the world's raw materials are earning more.

What does this mean to Japan and the rest of the world?

It means that these workers living in humble circumstances demand better qualities of goods with their increased wages.

They stop buying cheap clothes from Japan and buy better quality from Lancashire. The African native, who once rode to work on a thirty-shilling Japanese bicycle now aspires to a more expensive but better and longer-lasting model from Britain.

In the world of international commerce this increase in the price of raw materials means, too, that Japan's margin of profits is cut down. The difference in the price of Japanese cotton goods and British cotton goods is relatively less.



Charles Laughton as the Emperor Claudius in the new London Film "I Claudius" after the novel by Robert Graves. Merle Oberon, who plays the part of Messalina, adjusts Claudius' hat before one of the scenes is shot.

### Blue Lamps Hide Towns In War Home Office Tests with 'Plane'

By An Aeronautical Correspondent

An experiment to see how far street lighting aids an aeroplane pilot in finding an objective at night was conducted in a part of Bedford early yesterday morning.

For two hours, low-power, blue-tinted lamps were used in the main streets in place of the normal lighting, and a single Royal Air Force aeroplane carrying an observer patrolled overhead to note the effects.

The Home Office issued the following statement: "Some experiments were conducted in the streets of Bedford in an attempt to establish the minimum amount of light that would be required under war conditions to enable essential traffic to proceed with safety along streets and also to observe whether such restricted lighting would be readily visible from the air."

#### LOW-POWER LIGHTS

"When full data of aerial and ground observation are available, the Home Office will consider the nature of restriction which would need to be applied to street lighting generally in time of war."

The fact remains that light, which shows up objects clearly to observers on the ground will also show them up clearly to observers in the air. A very dim form of lighting is less easily seen from a distance, but it must correspondingly reduce the mobility of ground vehicles.

Wing Commander Hodsell, head of the Air Raid Precautions Department, stated that the experiments went well and that the impression he formed was that there was sufficient light to permit movement of traffic on the ground.

#### TESTS AT NAVAL PORTS

This experiment, together with the previous ones at Sheerness, Chatham, Rochester, Gillingham and Plymouth, may enable sufficient information to be gathered to enable advice to be given on lighting.

A great deal of misapprehension exists as to the extent air pilots can use lights seen on the ground for directional purposes. It was frequently stated during the War that enemy bombers had "followed" motor-cars with headlights. Such a thing was possible with slow, pre-War aeroplanes flying in races, but not with modern bombers under war conditions.

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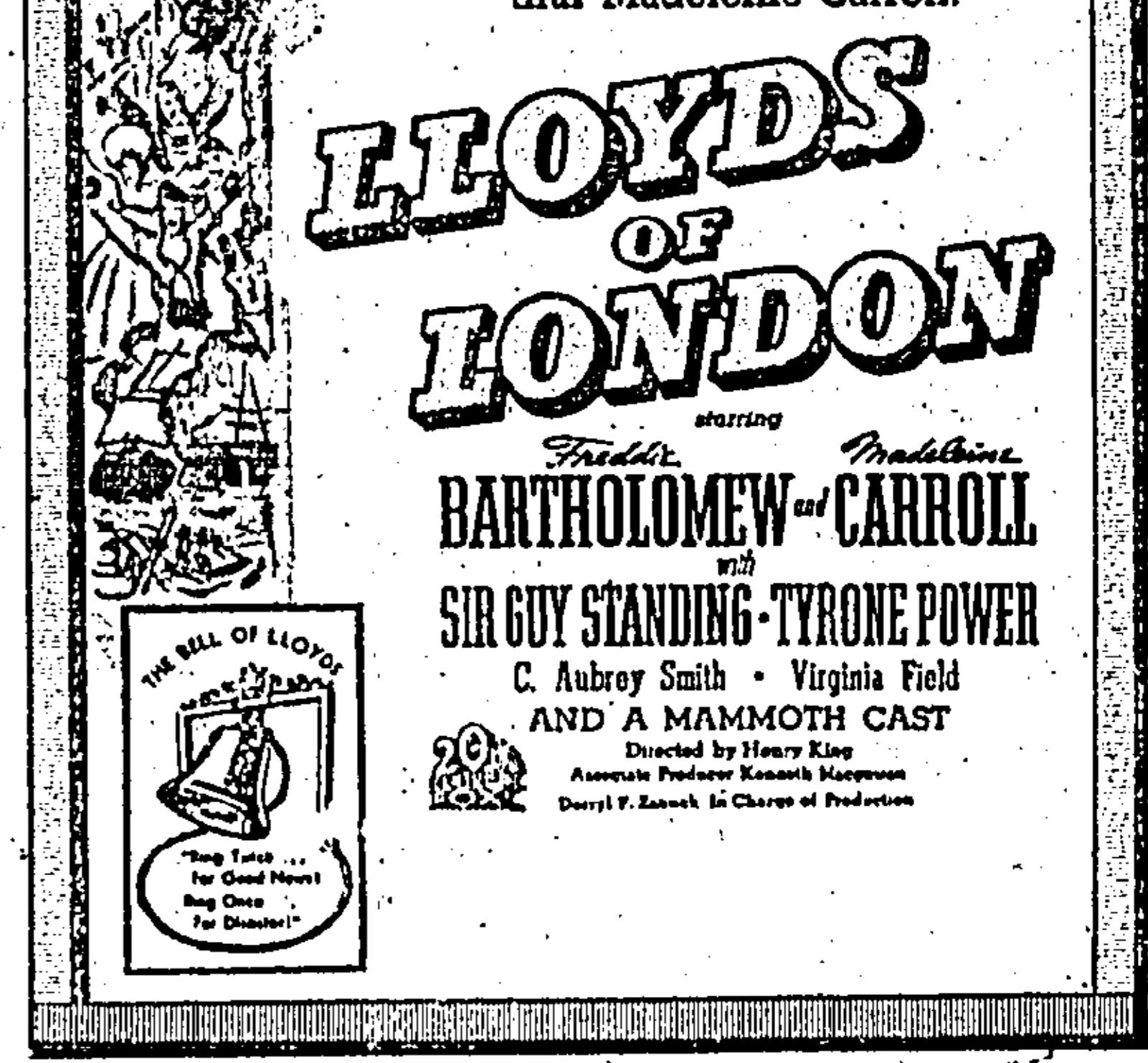
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